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SENATE TARIFF BILL.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The Senate Finance Committee, in various reports submitted to-day, demonstrated how different are the views of its members on revenue and financial matters from those entertained by the Ways and Means Committee in the House. Mr. Sherman, who has just made his appearance since the holiday recess, submitted a report to-day which covers the entire ground on the tariff question travelled over by the Finance Committee in its session last fall and this winter. This report was submitted also for the sake of being printed, and its recommittal asked for. Mr. Trumbull objected to this latter course on the ground that the Committee had been asked to consider the propriety of putting coal and salt on the free list, and that it now incumbered these propositions with recommendations which brought out the whole tariff question, thus attaching a general bill to one offered for a particular purpose. Independent of the right of the Senate to originate revenue bills, which have always been jealously denied, Mr. Trumbull urged that the proposed action of the Senate committee should only defeat the very object for which they had originally passed the coal and salt bills. By coupling up this complicated subject, the discussion of which would consume months, final action on these bills would be indefinitely postponed and Congress would again adjourn with these bills still pending. Mr. Ferry (Conn.) also took the same view, and protested against the mixing of coal and salt with the general tariff bill. Mr. Sherman explained that he had no desire to delay action on these particular bills, but that he simply conformed to the uniform usage in moving that the report be printed, and then recommitted, in order that the Finance Committee might have the benefit of suggestions from the representatives of the various interests to be affected by the report, before finally placing it in the hands of the Senate. On the question of recommittal, the yeas were

Ames,	Edmunds,	Osborn,
Anthony,	Fenton,	Pomeroy,
Brownlow,	Ferry (Mich.),	Pool,
Caldwell,	Frelinghuysen,	Ramsey,
Cameron,	Gilbert,	Scott,
Carpenter,	Hamilton (Md.),	Sherman,
Chandler,	Hamilton (Tex.),	Vickers,
Clayton,	Hamlin,	Wilson,
Conkling,	Howard (Vt.),	Windom,
Corbett,	Morton,	Wright—22.
Davis (West Va.),		

Present and not voting—Sumner and Morrill of Maine.

The bill as reported from the Committee places only those articles on the free list which do not enter into competition with the leading home items. The average reduction on foreign imports entering into general consumption, is about 10 per cent. Those articles on which duties are abolished are such as do not enter into general use, and from which but little revenue is derived. The articles excepted from the 10 per cent reduction, are brandies, wines, cigars, and other like commodities designated as luxuries.

CHICAGO RELIEF BILL.

The House passed without objection, Burchard's bill reported from the Committee on Ways and Means to-day, providing for the relief of the sufferers at the Chicago fire, by admitting free of duty all material used in rebuilding the burnt district. The success of this bill in the Senate, however, may be questioned, in the light of the report of the Finance Committee, submitted to-day by Senator Wright, recommending that the second section of Logan's bill, which virtually incorporates the provisions of Burchard's bill, be stricken out. The report was submitted for the purpose of being printed, and its recommittal was asked for and granted. Mr. Logan, however, improved the occasion by delivering his anticipated speech on this bill. He remonstrated against the action of the Committee in that the second section be stricken out, and made a strong appeal in behalf of its retention. He reviewed the extent of the fire, and alleged that, from its magnitude, it might be considered by Congress what the President had styled it—"a national calamity." When this bill does get before the Senate it will meet with considerable opposition, especially from those quarters devoted to protection.

TAX ON DIVIDENDS, &c.

The report of the Senate Committee on Finance, submitted to-day, with a recommendation for an amendment to Howe's bill declaring the intent and meaning of the act of July 14, 1870, to relieve railroad and other corporations from the tax on dividends, interest, and undivided profits accruing in the last months of 1870. Mr. Scott proposed to so amend this bill that the tax should be equalized, and two and one-half per centum on moneys arising from these sources for the years 1870 and 1871. It will be remembered that the amount involved in this proposition is about $2,000,000, and that the liability of companies to pay this sum has been held, time and again, by the Internal Revenue Department. For the first six months of 1870, these corporations paid the 5 per cent. assessed by law. When the act to reduce Internal taxes was passed, as above, they refused to pay the 2½ per cent under the new assessment on the last five months in the year, on the ground that an equalization of what they paid for the first seven months would more than meet their liabilities under the law.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

In the House, to-day, Messrs. Dawes and Butler took exactly opposite and equally decided positions upon Civil Service Reform. The matter came up incidentally upon a bill to increase a consular salary. Mr. Dawes said the single departments of the President not to receive recommendations from members of Congress in favor of applicants for office, would go further to reform Civil Service than all the speeches that could be made in the House. Butler said, he for one, did not believe in this self-abrogation of members of Congress. He felt sure he knew more of the fitness of persons in his District than any broken-down schoolmaster could know in Washington, or could find out by asking how far it was from the earth to the sun.

PENSIONS.

The House Military Committee to-day agreed to report a bill extending the time within which applications for pensions may be filed, to the 31st of January of next year.

SALARIES OF FOREIGN MINISTERS.

The House Committee on Foreign Affairs have agreed to report a bill raising the salaries of Ministers to St. Petersburg and Berlin from $12,000 to $17,500, which latter is the same as the salaries at London and Paris.

THE FLORIDA AFFAIR.

The affidavit of the Captain of the Florida was sent to the Navy Department instead of the State Department, but Secretary Fish, upon having a copy of it brought to his attention at once addressed a formal note to the Spanish Minister asking him to call the attention of his Government to the statements made in the affidavit.

[To the Associated Press.]

THE SYNDICATE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The Committee of Ways and Means to-day had the subject of the Syndicate before them, having been presented in the form of the resolution of Representative Cox. The Committee did not coincide the considerable. They will at an early day report to the House facts showing the action of the Secretary of the Treasury in the premises, but it is not probable that they will make any recommendation.

IMPEACHMENT CASE.

The House Committee on the Judiciary to-day heard Wm. Hastings on the subject of his petition for the impeachment of Judges Field and Hoffman for malfeasance in office. The Committee requested him to present his charges in a specific form, according to precedents in such cases, and produce his proofs to sustain them as a preliminary to the decision of the Committee as to whether the House shall be asked to authorize the sending for persons and papers to examine into the whole subject, and to make an appropriation to pay the attendant expenses. Hastings will have another hearing on Saturday next.

SENATE TARIFF BILL.

The Tariff bill reported by the Senate Finance Committee, as a substitute for the House bill repealing the duties on coal, iron, and salt, proposes to fix the following duties on all bituminous coal, 40 cents per ton of 28 bushels, 80 pounds to the bushel; on salt in bulk, and on all rock salt, or mineral salt, 8 cents per 100 lbs; on salt in bags, sacks, barrels, or other packages, 12 cents per 100 lbs; on all iron and steel, all manufactures of iron and steel, of which either of such metals is a component part of chief value, excepting pig-iron and steel rails, 30 per centum of the present rates of duty, being a reduction of 10 per cent.

On teas of all kinds, ten cents per pound. On coffee of all kinds, two cents per pound. On chickory and succory roots, burnt or prepared, three cents per pound. On acorn, coffee, and dandelion root, raw or prepared, and on all substitutes for coffee, two cents per pound. On all extracts or essences of coffee, fifty cents per pound. Cleaned rice, one and a quarter cents per pound. Uncleaned rice, one cent per pound. Poddy, three-quarters of a cent per pound. Potatoes, ten cents per bushel. Timber not otherwise provided for, one cent per cubic foot. Lumber of spruce, hemlock, whitewood and basswood, $1 per thousand feet; other kinds, $2; if planed or finished, $1 per thousand additional for each side; if tongued or grooved, $2 additional; if planed two sides, tongued and grooved, $3.50. Hubs and blocks, rough hewn or sawed, 20 per cent ad valorem. Pickets, palings and lath, 25 per cent ad valorem. Shingles, 50 cents per thousand. Pine clapboards, $2 per thousand. Furniture, unfinished, 30 per cent ad valorem. Casks, barrels, sugar-boxes, shooks, and packing-boxes, not otherwise provided for, 35 per cent ad valorem.

A tariff of 20 per cent of the present rate of duty is provided for all manufactures of cotton, alpaca, wool, and all manufactures of wood.

All manufactures of silk, which are now subject duty of 60 per cent ad valorem. All metals other than iron and steel and manufactures thereof, earthen and stoneware, hides, skins, bone, ivory, horn, and leather or manufactures thereof, India rubber, gutta percha, straw and oil cloths, chemicals, drugs, and medicines, and a large number of minor articles, are added to the free list.

COLLEGE LAND SCRIP.

The States entitled to Agricultural College land scrip have received the same, except Arkansas and Florida.

STATUE OF GENERAL SCOTT.

The Secretary of War has asked Congress to appropriate $12,000 to complete the equestrian statue of Lieutenant General Winfield Scott, with its pedestal, &c., in accordance with the unanimous joint resolution of Congress of 1867.

NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED.

The Senate, in executive session to-day, confirmed the following nominations: Colonel Adolphus Studer, of Iowa, at Singapore; Assessor of Internal Revenue, D. G. Lord, Third District, Wisconsin; Chas. C. Brown, Pension Agent at Cincinnati; J. H. Wing, Receiver at Bayfield, Wis.; C. S. Lane, Register of the Land Office at Springfield, Ill.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS.

There was a general attendance of the Democratic members of Congress to-night, at their caucus, in the hall of the House of Representatives, Fernando Wood in the chair. Several propositions relative to the reduction of taxes, adjournment of the session of Congress, etc., were offered, debated, and finally withdrawn, the caucus being of the opinion that it would be better to take no definite action at present.

OUR RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—The *Herald's* Washington telegram says that a despatch from Gortschakoff to Minister Catacazy has not yet been received at the State Department. Much interest is felt as to the effect of the Catacazy matter upon our relations with Russia. It is stated that the President intends to sustain Secretary Fish, and accept the fullest consequences, even to the point of instantly recalling Minister Curtin, and suspending all our relations with Russia, should Gortschakoff attempt to offer any indignity upon Fish. The Department admits that Russia feels some uneasiness, and the statement is made that the warmth of the despatch to Curtin, about which complaint is made, is contributed to Secretary Davis for not having properly toned his message.

DENIAL.

There is no foundation for the rumors that officers on duty at the Executive Mansion will resign in consequence of the statements growing out of the Custom House investigation in New York.

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.

PETITIONS.

Petitions were presented for the repeal of the salt duty; for a national Prohibitory law; against the Government manufacture of envelopes; for national schools, and against employing Government officers who drink intoxicating liquors.

Mr. TRUMBULL presented the petition of Chicago salt and building materials importers to be exempt from duty.

SALT AND IRON.

Mr. SHERMAN reported from the Finance Committee a bill repealing the duties on salt and iron, and moved its recommitment, which was opposed by Trumbull, but it was recommitted—ayes 19, nays 18.

The following is the nay vote:

Blair,	Johnston,	Schurz,
Bogy,	Kelly,	Spencer,
Cooper,	Lewis,	Sprague,
Davis,	Logan,	Stevenson,
Ferry, (Conn.)	Saulsbury,	Tipton,
Flanagan,	Sawyer,	Trumbull.
Goldthwaite,		

COURT SESSIONS.

Mr. CALDWELL introduced a bill directing that the terms of the United States Courts be held at Leavenworth. Referred.

FOREIGN RELATIONS.

Mr. CAMERON, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, reported a resolution asking the President to give the Senate any information in his possession in relation to the seizure by the Revolutionary Government of Venezuela of a steamer of the Venezuela Steam Transportation Company, an American corporation, and requesting the imprisonment of certain American citizens. Adopted.

INQUIRING.

Mr. SAULSBURY offered a resolution requesting the President to inform the Senate when General McCook was appointed Governor of Colorado; whether he has been absent in Europe, and if so, whether his salary has been paid during such absence.

Mr. POMEROY objected, and it went over.

CHICAGO RELIEF BILL.

Mr. LOGAN called up the bill to provide for the relief of Chicago sufferers. The bill, he said, provided for the free entry, or a remission, or refunding, of all impost duties on building material, used, or to be used, on the ground burned over, for one year from the 8th of October, 1871; second, a suspension, or remission, of internal revenue taxes upon the sufferers by fire until the close of the next regular session of Congress.

In presenting the bill, he spoke of the wonderful growth of Chicago, and of its great importance as a commercial centre, and urged the necessity of such action by Congress as would help to give confidence in the future of the city. He compared the Chicago fire with great fires of history,—those of Rome, Moscow and London,—and said that in the area burned, and the amount of valuable property destroyed, it exceeded any of them. In conclusion, he drew a vivid description of the conflagration, as he had seen it.

No action was taken on the bill.

AMENDATORY TAX BILL.

Mr. SCOTT called up the bill amendatory of the act to reduce internal taxes and for other other purposes, approved July 14, 1870.

The bill, as amended by the Committee on Finance, provides that all taxes upon dividends, interest, and undivided profits, now or hereafter due or collected from certain corporations, shall be remitted or refunded upon the claim being made therefor, except such taxes as are due for the first seven months of 1870 at the rate of 5 per cent.

Mr. SCOTT explained and advocated the bill.

Mr. EDMUNDS was opposed to the passage of this bill, and therefore he called up that in regular order.

THE AMNESTY BILL.

Mr. SUMNER said Scott's bill over for the day.

Mr. SUMNER was not ready to proceed with his remrrks on the Amnesty bill, so the Senate went into executive session, and soon after adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THE LOUISIANA IMBROGLIO.

Messrs. Scofield, McCreary, Smith, of New York, Voorhees, and Marshal were appointed a Committee Imbroglio.

On motion of Mr. DAWES, a bill was passed for the relief of the sufferers by the Chicago fire. It provides that all goods, wares and merchandise sent as contributions for the relief of the sufferers by fire shall be admitted free of duty at the port of Chicago, and that drawback upon the same shall be allowed on merchandise used in the repair of buildings erected on the burned ground.

COLLEGE SCRIP.

Mr. WILSON introduced a resolution directing the Committee on Agriculture to inquire into the disposition of the Agricultural College scrip. Adopted.

CLAIM BILL PASSED.

Mr. PACKARD (Ind.) from the Committee on Foreign Affairs reported a bill to pay M. Lizardo Cedro, for his services as Acting Consul of the United States at Rio Janeiro, at the rate of compensation allowed to the Consul there. Passed.

CONSULATE FEES ABOLISHED.

Mr. BANKS, from the committee on Foreign Affairs, reported a bill fixing the salary of United States Consul at Tsein Tsin China, at $3,500. Passed.

TARIFF PROHIBITION.

In connection with this subject, Mr. BROOKS spoke of the only American steamer plying between Shanghai and Tsen Tsin, and said he deeply regretted that the building of that class of steamers had been lost to New England by the enormous taxation on iron, copper, &c.

Mr. BANKS said no one would be more heartily in accord with any General Government that would lead to the restoration of American commerce, as it existed prior to 1860, than he. The question would before the House for discussion at this session. He hoped that measures would be adopted which would re-establish American commerce in all its prosperity.

CONSULS POORLY PAID.

Mr. SHELLABARGER followed Banks. He remarked that no part of the public services called for more attention than the Consular branch of it. No one would fail to perceive that Consuls at posts where there were none to be performed, ought to be much high up and well paid; yet he had seen, as every gentleman who had travelled abroad had seen, United States Consuls living in third and fourth rate garrets, almost literally starving for want of pay. The pitiful sum of $1,500 per year, where there were wife and children to maintained, only permitted Consuls to live out a miserable and disgraced existence. Such American Consulates were the scoff of nations. He hoped that the Committee on Foreign Affairs would revise the whole matter of pay of Consuls abroad, and provide a reasonable compensation for them. He would like to know whether that Committee had any views on the subject.

Mr. BANKS replied that a bill for that purpose had passed the Senate at the last Congress. He had no doubt that a bill would be presented which would be satisfactory to the House.

THE TARIFF AGAIN.

Mr. KELLEY (Pa.) endorsed cordially what had been said by Shellabarger. He thought the United States Consular system a disgrace to the country. The gentleman from Ohio (Brooks) had stared upon the bill as an occasion to speak on the tariff, and to say that American shipbuilders were now driven to the Clyde to build vessels for Chinese waters. Three years ago 3,000 skilled ship-builders of wooden ships, had been on the poor rates at one time in London, and those who had not gone on the poor rates had been employed in breaking stone on Government works. One year afterwards, the wooden ship-builders at Quebec had made bread for the starving people of Liverpool. In riots, by reason of their want of employment. It was a reproach to that the ship-builders of the Clyde could not bring American carpenters to do this work.

Mr. BROOKS explained that the work for which American carpenters were employed in Scotland was that of light, aerial ship-joiner work—not steel, all manufactures of iron and steel, of which either of such metals is a component part

STATE LEGISLATURES.

Yesterday's Proceedings in the Illinois General Assembly.

The Eminent Domain Bill Ordered to a Third Reading in the House.

A Substitute Embodying the Principle of Assessment of Benefits Defeated.

Passage of the Town and City Annexation Bill in the Senate.

The Governor's Message Vetoing the Bill Relative to Reprieves and Pardons.

Morrison, of Monroe, Proclaims His Presidential Preference.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ILLINOIS.

THE HOUSE REVENUE BILL.

SPRINGFIELD, Jan. 16.—The time which was spent in the House this morning, on the Revenue bill, was productive of no results. Several sections relating to machinery were adopted, some with and some without discussion, and a strong disposition was shown to rush the bill ahead, and have as little talking on it as possible. There are those who fear that it cannot pass, and therefore want to waste no more time in discussing it, but get it through the Committee of the Whole in a few days at the most. Another attempt was made to require every man to take affidavit when listing personal property, and its author made a speech to show how this would add immensely to the revenues of the State, and that by presenting the affidavit at hardened sinners who had hitherto failed to return their moneys and credits, they would at once come down. This was postponed, for the House is now so wearied that, when any question of importance is reached, they at once cry the track and put off its consideration for a time. Several sections of assessing railroads and swearing, with one or two minor matters, have been postponed.

THE SENATE REVENUE BILL

was read a second time, and made the special order for to-morrow, and its consideration to be continued from day to day thereafter, until it will commence the debate by stating the principles and views which have governed the Revenue Committee.

EMINENT DOMAIN.

This afternoon, Mr. Nelson's Eminent Domain bill, which repudiates the idea that a benefits can be considered a part of just compensation when private property is taken for public uses, was ordered to a third reading, after a substitute, which embodied the principle of assessment of benefits, had been voted down by 76 to 63. It is pretty evident that the principle for which Neis is had fought has a majority in the House, but it will require the presence of nearly all the members to secure the passage of this bill. It must be borne in mind, however, that this has nothing to do with the paving of streets. It may pass, and yet the city may, by another bill, be given the power to go into streets of property specially benefited. There is no reason at present to expect that Mr. Nelson's bill will pass through the Senate.

ANNEXATION RAILROAD BILLS.

The Senate passed the bill to annex territory to cities, and the House voted down the bill to repeal the law of 1869, classifying Directors of railroad companies.

GOVERNOR'S CHICAGO MESSAGE.]

The House met this evening, in order to consider the reports of the special Committee on the Governor's Message. No sooner had they met than Mr. Prince, in accordance with a resolution adopted at the meeting of the caucus last night, moved to postpone till Wednesday week. The motion prevailed by 76 to 63. The battle is, therefore, to be fought over a series of dilatory motions, succeeded in getting an opportunity to express his sentiments on the subject, and to postpone action for some days. This attempted filibustering was unwise, and answered no good whatever. This became apparent to all, and Mr. Morrison, of Monroe, objected to this useless delay, took occasion to distinctly define his position, which, coming from a Democrat whose influence in Egypt is so great, is very significant. He declared that he would vote for a Republican for Governor and for President at the next election, though they would not be of a class on which the majority of the House belonged, and he should vote for them along with his party. Then the question was taken, and the debate postponed one week. It is understood that Morrison, whose remarks caused some little fluttering on the Republican side of the House, is in favor of Governor Farwell, Palmer, Davis, or Chase for President, and any equally acceptable Republican for Governor.

VETO MESSAGE.

The following is the message of the Governor, returning, with his veto, the bill to regulate the manner of applying for reprieves, commutations, and pardons:

Hon. John Dougherty, President of the Senate:

I have the honor to return to the Senate a bill for "An act to regulate the manner of applying for reprieves, commutations, and pardons," without my approval.

It is natural that the people of this State should feel a great desire of solicitude to subject the absolute discretionary powers conferred upon the Governor by the Constitution, to reprieve, commute, grant pardons, and pardons, to such use and proper regulations as will prevent abuses.

If fully share in the anxiety of the people in this interesting subject, and will at any time concur with the General Assembly in any measures that will, in my judgment, tend to a result that is by all regarded as so desirable.

It may be considered by many that it is unfortunate that the framers of the Constitution did not think proper to confer the authority by this important power, or to associate with the Governor the officers of the executive department of the Government, and in that way divide the responsibility that always attends the remission or modification of the penalty adjudged by the tribunals against the guilty of crimes, but that course did not commend itself to their choice, and, by the Constitution, the Governor is made responsible for all the propriety of granting reprieves, commutations, and pardons in any particular instance, subject only to his proper official responsibilities.

The only power conferred upon the General Assembly is that of regulating the manner of applying for reprieves, commutations, and pardons, and the duty of preparing laws intended to give effect to the power so conferred, is as delicate as the proper exercise of the pardoning power.

It will readily be admitted that it would be a fatal objection to any measure intended to regulate the manner of applying for reprieves, commutations, and pardons, that its operation would be to restrict the power of the Governor in the determination of questions confided to him by the Constitution, or that its effect would be to deprive persons of the power to make applications to the Governor. An act of the General Assembly that should require applications to the Governor by persons convicted of crimes, for a reprieve, commutation, or pardon, would be palpably unconstitutional, and any law that imposed impossible conditions upon applicants would be equally objectionable, inasmuch as it would be, to me, the effect of this bill, if it becomes law.

The first section of the bill requires that every application for the Governor of the State for a reprieve, commutation, or pardon, shall be by a petition in writing; and the second section directs that notice of such application shall be given to the State Attorney of the city or county where the offence was committed, at least five days before such application is presented to the Governor. And it is made the duty of the State's Attorney to give such notice to the parties interested, and to appear before the Governor.

In consid ering the provisions of the bill thus referred to, it may be admitted that, as a general rule, applications to the Governor for reprieves, commutations, and pardons, should be by petition, in writing; but circumstances have proven that there are many exceptions that should be properly allowed to the rule.

The Penitentiary and the jails are but miniature representations of the outer world, as they contain persons of advanced age and almost childish youth, and every grade of character, ranging away from the most intelligent, as well as the most hardened and atrocious, to mental feebleness that is scarcely capable of distinguishing right from wrong, and the inmates of the penal institutions of the State are drawn from every strata in life, and the conditions that surrounded them before conviction attend them there, and greatly influence the sympathies of those who, in the outer world, are accustomed to sympathize with the unfortunate. In many instances, as abundantly shown by an examination of the files of the Executive office, that to application in behalf of persons convicted of crimes, the names of Judges, Sheriffs, Jurors, Representatives, and other eminent persons residing in this and other States, are appended as petitioners, and the Governor, notwithstanding the persons whose names appear in almost demand for pardon, is left in doubt as to the propriety of the trial that resulted in his conviction by the ablest counsel, and every means necessary to the proper examination of the case, which was within easy reach.

Persons of this class will be able, without difficulty, to comply with any mere formal method for applying for pardon that may prescribed by the General Assembly.

But many of the inmates of the Penitentiary are obscure and poor, and ignorant, and helpless, and their cases have sprung from impulse, provocation, temptation, poverty, ignorance, and inexperience, and in others, the feeble and irresponsible have been liberally seduced to crime by artful and hardened offenders who, when they themselves have been convicted, have surrendered their victims as a means of providing for their own escape.

It is often the interest of the parties who have for their object to procure a pardon, to embarrass every means the Governor may employ to ascertain the facts of the case, and in many other cases, everything that tends to obstruct the way to the attention of the Governor, is a real, and often insurmountable, difficulty.

It must be remembered that the offences of many persons confined in the Penitentiary are intimately related to poverty, destitution and ignorance, and it must not be forgotten that the provisions made by our laws for securing a fair and intelligent trial for the feeble, helpless poor, does no great credit to one judicial methods.

Many of this class of convicts under consideration, are without property or friends in the State, and others foreigners, almost totally ignorant of the language in which the trial was conducted. To require of such persons, or their friends, the formalities prescribed by the act, before the Governor is allowed to consider the question of pardon, would be but to cut them off from all hope.

But it could be supposed that every convict in the Penitentiary and the jails could find means to prefare a petition, and file it in the office of the Secretary of State, and would then succeed in giving the notice required by the bill to the State's Attorney of the proper city and county, there is still another act to be done before the Governor could investigate the case, and that act is one that neither the convicted nor his friends can do—nor can the Governor compel this last act to be done—and that is the proper notice for doing it. The final, though essential, act is that the State's Attorney of the city or county where the offence is committed shall find the persons interested to oppose the application for pardon, and give them the notice prescribed by the bill. The fact is that in many convictions are had for offences that affect no particular person, or so effect whole communities that it would be impossible for a State's Attorney to select the person who, more than others, could be said to be interested in the prosecution. In other cases, the offences are against the property of corporations, such as railroad companies, banking and insurance companies, and the bill fails to indicate whom, under such circumstances, the State's Attorney shall notify as the parties interested in the prosecution of said penalties convicted. The practical difficulties that would result from an attempt to give effect to this provision of the bill can be illustrated by other examples, but many will readily occur when attention is directed to the subject. In my judgment, it is essential to any bill that will properly regulate the manner of applying for reprieves, commutations, and pardons, that the same be prescribed as preliminary and should be within the power of the applicant and subject to control of the Governor.

If a motion to pardon by an applicant should be authorized to give such notice, and the Governor should, upon the presentation of such petition, be permitted to dispense with the notice, or to substitute notice by publication when the nature of the case, in the absence of convict, makes such course more proper, or when the party injured by the crime of the applicant for pardon cannot be found; but, under the provisions of this bill, the State's Attorney must select the persons to be notified, and he alone is authorized to give the notice, and no authority is given to the Governor to revise his conclusions, nor are there any means by which the State's Attorney can be compelled to perform the duty of giving notice, and the notice is essentially preliminary to the right of the Governor to hear the application, and hereafter all that has been said upon the subject, the only security that can be found against abuses of the pardoning power is publicity and the watchful criticisms of the press and the people.

Regular Report of Proceedings.

SENATE.

SPRINGFIELD, Jan. 16.

Senate met at 10 o'clock a. m.

ABSENTEES.

Bangs, Dore, Early, Jewett, Kerr, Raddick, Senators Eddy, Jackson, and Solomon sick.

VETO MESSAGE.

On motion of Mr. UNDERWOOD, the message of the Governor vetoing the bill regulating the manner of applying for pardons, etc., was laid on the table and 500 copies ordered printed.

DOUGLAS MONUMENT.

Mr. EPLER introduced a bill appropriating $25,000 to complete the Douglas monument. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Mr. VAUGHAN, from the Committee on Roads, Highways, and Bridges, reported back Senate bill No. 340, with sundry aments, which were tabled for printing.

REPTITTING.

Mr. PIERCE called up House bill No. 650, appropriating $9,822 for refitting the hall of the House of Representatives. Referred.

ROADS AGAIN.

Senate bill No. 340 was made the special order for Thursday next.

CRIMINAL STATISTICS.

Mr. PLAGG introduced a bill providing for the collection of criminal statistics.

PERRY AND FRANKLIN COUNTIES.

House bill for an act expla ning the act locating a county seat between Perry and Franklin Counties was taken up and passed—yeas, 37; nays, none.

Senate bill 329, for the assessment of property, &c., for the levy and collection of taxes, was taken up on special order.

Pending the reading, adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

THE REVENUE BILL.

The reading of the Revenue bill was completed at 2:30.

Mr. FULLER stated that he had been requested by the committee to address the Senate as to the principles which had governed the committee in consideration of the bill preparatory to the debate. The bill was one of vast importance. It authorized the collection, if passed, of $8,000,000 of tax, and touched every man and property citizen of the State, rich or poor. He closed by requesting the postponement of the bill to to-morrow morning, and to be continued from day to day until completed. So ordered.

INJURY TO PERSON.

The bill relating to injuries to the person was read a second time, and made the special order for Tuesday next.

ANNEXATION BILL.

Senate bill 223, to provide for the annexation of territory to and excluding from cities, towns, etc., was passed—yeas, 20; nays, 4; Messrs. Bush, Washburn, Wheeler, and Boyd voting no.

OTHER BILLS PASSED.

House bill repealing the charter of the city of Sandwich, passed—yeas, 24; nays, none.

Senate bill 31, in regard to the mortgage of real and personal property, was passed—yeas, 34; nays, none.

House bill 400, as amended by the Senate, to incorporate associations to construct and maintain railroads, etc., was passed—yeas, 25; nays, 1—Van Deusen.

RECORDERS OF DEEDS.

Senate bill 346, providing for the election of Recorders of Deeds in counties of 70,000 Inhabitants, was recommitted to the Senate.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DIVISION OF WORK.

Mr. JOHNSON (Rock Island) offered a joint resolution to provide for a Special Joint Committee on Legislation, to divide up subjects between the two houses.

The rules were not suspended to allow of its introduction.

FEES.

Mr. MILLER (Kane) asked leave to introduce an emergency bill providing for the fees of township officers.

Leave was not granted.

SECOND READING OF BILLS.

Several bills were read the second time.

EXAMINE STATE PRISONS AGAIN.

Mr. MILLER (St Clair), from the special committee appointed to investigate the accounts, etc., of the Police Commissioners of the State of East St. Louis, submitted a report that the Commissioners did their duty with energy and fidelity, and that they kept a correct account of all their disbursements. They found that this army was caused by the passage of an act of the Legislature, and men took it in good faith, and now, that the Supreme Court had decided the act unconstitutional, the State ought to pay it.

The report was ordered printed.

THE REVENUE LAW

was again taken up in Committee of the Whole.

Mr. SPRINGER offered a resolution providing for the appointment of a committee to investigate the recent robbery of letters written by members.

Mr. JOHNSON offered a substitute for the section requiring a detailed listing of personal property, compelling each man to take affidavit to the amount of his personality, and inserting the Senate Schedule, with its 40 separate items.

Mr. BUSHNELL defended his substitute. If they adopted it, they would have much more property listed. The oath would have an admirable effect in making people honest. The inquisitorial law of 1855 would make everybody own up to what he had, and honest people would no longer have so great burdens put on them.

The section and substitute were temporarily postponed.

The forty-eighth section provides that the Assessor should furnish every person with a schedule of his real and personal property, as assessed and valued.

Mr. SHORT wanted the section adopted, since it gave authority security to the owner.

Mr. PHELPS did not see the use of it, and thought it expensive.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM thought the section a good one. The Assessor ought not to make any change in the valuation, as returned to the owner, until he had given him notice.

A motion to strike out the section was lost, and it was adopted.

Several comparatively unimportant sections were concurred in.

The fifty-fourth section was so amended that an appeal from the Assessor is given to a Board, consisting of the Town Assessor, Supervisor, and Clerk, which may revise the assessments.

The section which provides that the person who does not apply to the Assessor or to the Town Board for relief from assessment should be debarred from obtaining relief, and prohibiting the County Board from entertaining petitions for relief, was adopted. The Committee rose.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

EVENING SESSION AGREED UPON.

On motion of Mr. Haines, it was ordered that when the House adjourn it be to meet at 7 o'clock.

COUNTY SEATS.

The special order, which was the bill to provide for the removal of county seats, was taken up.

The amendments of the Committee of the Whole were concurred in, and the bill ordered engrossed for a third reading.

PRINTING BILL.

Mr. SULLIVAN offered a bill establishing a printing bureau for rising the rates of printing and manner of letting contracts.

YEAS.

Mr. MILLER. (Kane), again tried to introduce an Emergency bill to fix the fees of town and county officers, but the rules was not suspended.

Several bills were read a second time, among them Mr. Nelson's Eminent Domain bill, the question being on ordering it to a third reading.

Mr. ROOT offered his bill, which admits benefits as compensation, as a substitute for Mr. Nelson's.

Mr. CUMMINGS moved to lay the substitute on the table. Agreed to,—yeas, 76; nays, 63, as follows:

YEAS.

Allen,	Jefferies,	Phelps,
Armstrong,	Johnston,	Phillips,
Bane,	Knolos,	Ralls,
Berry,	Landrum,	Reese,
Boyd,	Lansden,	Richardson,
Brown (Bond),	Lemma,	Sales (Logan),
Carpenter,	Manley,	Scott,
Cloud (Macoupin)	Mansfield,	Shaw,
Cloud (Morgan),	McConnell,	Shelton (Warren),
Cofer,	McCrory,	Sherrill,
Collins,	McEwen,	Smith (Madison),
Crouch,	McMasters,	Sneed,
Edgcomb,	Merritt,	Snyder,
Pickarty,	Miller (Madison),	Sparr,
Fuller,	Miller (St. Clair),	Stanford,
Funk,	Morgan,	Taylor,
Galbraith,	Morrow,	Trimble,
Gross,	Morrill,	Waters,
Gillham,	Morrison (Mon.),	Webb,
Haines,	Morse,	Wren,
Hay,	Munster,	Mr. Speaker.
Herdman,	Neece,	
Hundley,	Norris,	
Hunter,	Olson,	

NAYS.

Lee,	Rice (Scotia),	Sullivan,
Mason,	Roessler,	Townsend,
Bryo,	Root,	Vocke,
McMillan,	Scars,	Waite,
Miller (Kane),	Sheldon (Cham'n)	Watkins,
Moffit,	Short,	Williams,
Morrison (Cook),	Smith (Ogle),	Williamson,
Pixley,	Springer,	Wright.
Powell,	Stewart,	
Price,	Strong,	

The bill was ordered engrossed for a third reading—yeas, 72; nays, 69.

BILLS ON A THIRD READING.

Bills on a third reading were taken up. One to provide for the manner of electing Directors of incorporated companies, which repeals the law of 1869, classifying Directors and allowing bondholders to vote, was opposed by Messrs. WAITE, SMITH (McLean), BARNES, and CUNNINGHAM, while Mr. MERRITT and one or two others opposed the motion to recommit it.

Mr. BARNES moved to indefinitely postpone the bill. Agreed to.

SURPLUS FUNDS.

The Emergency bill, allowing towns to the for general town purposes the surplus of moneys raised for bounties was passed.

EVENING SESSION.

GOVERNOR PALMER'S SPECIAL MESSAGE.

The House met at 7, the special order being the reports on the Governor's messages.

Mr. PRICE, since the reports had not been distributed till to-day, and since he wanted them read, moved a postponed consideration until Wednesday week, and moved the previous question thereon.

Mr. HAINES moved a call of the House, in order that all the members might be present. The motion which had been made was alien to the consideration of the bill.

The motion was lost—yeas, 61; nays, 86. The vote was purely a party one.

Mr. HAINES moved to reconsider the vote. There was no disposition to press the matter to a vote that night, and, therefore, no reason to cut off debate on the proposition to postpone. He was willing to have the time of taking the vote postponed, but not the debate. Those who had tried to make that a partisan question would live to regret it. He was ready for the early discussion of the subject, and the country had demanded a settlement of the question, and that it should be made from the House. He for one, who believed in the majority report and consented to delay mistook the sense of the people, and failed to make a political record. He would not allow them to misrepresent it. The minority had refused to make any recommendation, and therefore the responsibility of taking the vote committee were only in question. They had elected Governor Palmer, and could not repudiate him. The question, at least of all, side with a military officer who had thrust the conflict upon them.

Mr. WATKINS raised the point of order that debate was not in order.

Mr. HAINES appealed.

Mr. CAREY raised a point that the whole proceeding, including the call of the House, was out of order.

The Chair decided that he was mistaken in allowing the motion to reconsider.

Mr. HAINES appealed.

Mr. EGAN moved to lay the appeal on the table. Carried—yeas, 89; nays, 2.

Mr. MERRITT raised a point of order, that Mr. Price could not move to postpone, and also to call for the previous question. Overruled.

An appeal was taken.

Mr. CAREY moved to table. Carried—yeas, 73; nays, 52.

Mr. MERRITT asked to be excused from voting. The Chair decided it out of order.

Mr. SPRINGER appealed and argued it.

Mr. CUMMINGS moved to lay it on the table. Yeas, 87; nays, 53.

The vote was taken on the previous question.

Mr. BARNES asked to be excused.

Mr. MORRISON (Monroe) hoped Mr. Barnes would withdraw his request. If the majority, after sixty days consideration, had come to the conclusion that the President had committed acts they were ashamed to investigate, let them flee. He (Morrison) wanted an investigation. He would not have interfered but for the fact that at the next Presidential election he should vote for a Republican, and he did not think it will be one of the class the Republican majority of this house would like. I do not expect ab. for the Republican nominee, but if we Republicans of the majority of this House dare not have investigated before the country, but I do expect, and I mean to vote for it. I am afterded an opportunity to vote for a Republican, and also for a Republican for Governor of the State of Illin

MONDAY NIGHT'S RIOT.

The North Side Mob-Demonstration Denounced by All Good Citizens.

A General Demand for the Passage of the Fire Ordinance Without Compromise.

The Ringleaders of the Mob to be Presented before the Grand Jury.

Statements of Mr. Hesing and His Newspaper Concerning the Riot.

He is Denounced by His Own Countrymen for Monday Night's Proceedings.

Meeting of Representatives of Foreign Insurance Companies.

Great was the indignation of the public yesterday morning, on learning from the columns of THE TRIBUNE of the high-handed assault upon the City Hall, on Monday evening, and the prominent part taken in the offensive proceedings by men whose public position should at least have been a guarantee against their inciting to riot the crowd of pot-house politicians and scallywags who invaded the sacred precincts of the City Hall. The general impression throughout the city was that decency demanded that the fire ordinance should pass, certainly be passed without compromise, and that the slightest concession to the invaders would be an indignity to the respectable community. Bitter were the comments upon General Carney and his Adjutant, Hesing, and fervent the hopes that they especially, and their more conspicuous associates in the endeavor to unite the worst of different nationalities in the effort to drag Associated Chicago down to the level of plundered New York, would not escape retribution.

COMPLAINT TO THE STATE'S ATTORNEY.

It is needless to state that Mayor Medill anticipated their wishes. The first thing done by him, yesterday morning, was to consult with the law department. The next was to lay a formal complaint before the State's Attorney, thus giving him a starting point from which to proceed. The result will be that on Monday His Honor will appear before the Grand Jury, whither will be summoned the Board of Aldermen, the officers of the Council, the policemen in attendance, and the reporters of the daily press. The public promptitude of action is especially cheering to the citizens under present circumstances, and a still further encouragement in the work of purifying the political atmosphere.

THE WORK OF THE MOB.

The work of the mob was apparent on the windows of the City Hall, yesterday, but by noon the repairs had all been completed. In the Mayor's office two bricks were picked up by the Mayor's facetious Secretary, and suspended them in front of his desk, with the following inscriptions:

> Anti Fire Limits petition, presented to the Mayor, Jan. 15, by way of east window.
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> Remonstrance against the Fire Limits Ordinance, presented to the Mayor, Jan. 15, by Associates also landowners the Council.

WHAT HESING HAS TO SAY.

An evening paper yesterday interviewed Mr. Anton Casper Hesing, and succeeded in extracting from him the following account of himself:

> Suspecting that the superficial appearance last night possibly did not correspond with the intention and feelings of leaders, this morning I decided to go and call on Mr. Hesing to day and get his version of his connection with the disgraceful scenes of last night in the Council Chamber.
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> On calling at the office of the *Staats Zeitung*, Mr. Herman Raster was the first gentleman encountered.
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> Reporter. Good morning, Mr. Raster; you don't look as if you had taxpayers' broken heads on your conscience.
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> Raster. No, I didn't; but I'd rather have thrown the bricks than to have written the shameful account in the *Times*. There's Mr. Hesing; he will tell you all about it.
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> Reporter. Well, Mr. Hesing, did you lead the mob?
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> Hesing. I had been appointed—but let's begin at the beginning.
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> Reporter. Let me ask you, while I think of it, did you declare, as the *Times* says you did, that the people would come and resist the police if they attempted to pass the fire-limits ordinance?
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> Hesing. I did not; I did say, though, that such a law could never be enforced. It would be a dead letter on our statute books. Now, let me begin at the beginning. When I came back from Europe I found a hundred—thousands—who welcomed me because they wanted me to help them oppose and defeat this ordinance which forbids the erection of any wooden buildings. I told them they must acquiesce in a reasonable fire limits act. I was induced by the Mayor to hear a message before its presentation, and I told him he ought not to consent to any extreme measures, for it might provoke a breach of peace.
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> [This last statement, if made by Mr. Hesing, is a direct perversion of the truth. We are authorized to state that Mr. Hesing, on the occasion alluded to, admitted to the Mayor that he entirely coincided with him in the opinion that the fire limits should be coextensive with the city limits. He said that the interests of the city demanded that not another frame building should be erected in the present fire limits, and declared that if he could have his way the ordinance should pass without modification.]
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> Reporter. There was an anti-fire limits meeting a month ago, I believe?
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> Hesing. I attended a meeting at the Metropolis Hotel, about ten o'clock, of North Side property-holders who had property east of Clark street. A Committee, consisting of Perry Smith, Nixon, Ewing, Carpenter, and myself was appointed, and we drafted resolutions and a petition to the Council, asking that the fire limits be from North Pond, Chicago and Evanston to Wells, and these north to Lincoln Park.
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> Reporter. This seems reasonable.
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> Hesing. I proposed the adoption, in addition to this, of the old Cincinnati ordinance—the law that made Cincinnati a brick city—that is, that outside of the fire-limits, the property-owners who own a majority of the feet on any square should have the power to prohibit the erection on that square of any wooden buildings. I advocated this law in Cincinnati in '41, and it has operated most beneficently. It gives to a majority on each square the power to make the law pivotal, to "block the square." It has made Cincinnati a brick city.
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> Reporter. You were at Carney's last Saturday?
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> Hesing—Yes; I carried resolutions in favor of a fire limits to Wells street. Mr. Alderman Cleaver agreed to go to the Council Chamber in a body. It passed a little to the south of Lincoln Park, and I asked them if I had no objection to the plan, if they would join in a signified, orderly manner. I spoke for fifteen minutes to the crowd in the diagram as it would be to have any disturbance—for I saw they were excited.
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> Reporter. Did you counsel violence on each?
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> Hesing. Yes; I made them swear to go there and behave themselves. Alderman Schaffner pledged that if they would bring transportation for the ladies I'd submitted to the Council chamber.
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> Reporter. Was it a procession of the "gallows" transparency?
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> Hesing. An outrage—a great outrage. I tried to keep it out of the hall. I ought to have knocked down the fellow that carried it, but he was surrounded by rabbits. Oh! I'd rather have given fifteen hundred, to have had the disgraceful affair happen. But just see the men to favor extension of the fire limits: Messrs. Nixon, George Dunlap, Perry H. Smith, Hamilton, the Ogdens, the Ramseys, Valentine Turner, Ewing, Scudder, Lill, Hamilton—I could go on for an hour.
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> Reporter. Why is there so much feeling on this subject, when they say that brick buildings cost only one-sixth more than wood?
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> Hesing. It's because the North Siders own only their little lots, and they don't generally want stores, but simply houses. Moreover, the grades over the streets range in from four to six feet below the streets. Wooden buildings can be set up on stilts at a cost of $1,000, while the filling up for a brick building would cost more than the whole of a wooden house! These people can't afford to build of brick; and they will not stand any law that compels them to! I have tried to get a compromise of some sort. One other thing, the flood makes a disastrously filthy at me, calls me "a common drunkard." In this my personal pride is touched. It is well known that I never drink and, as for being drunk last night, I hadn't tasted even wine for weeks.
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> Reporter. You speak of a compromise. Will you explain more fully?
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> Hesing. I mean a reasonable fire limits law. About ten days ago I submitted to the Mayor a proposition to call a meeting of all the Aldermen, and we would undertake to see that thirty or more of our most prominent citizens, including the insurance interest, were present, this to affirm at some fire-limits understanding about the fire limits. The Mayor fully agreed with my views, predicted a hearty response, and that evening Mr. McAvoy stated it in the Council, but Alderman Cleaver was first for the whole city opposed it, and all somehow fell through.

THE *ZEITUNG'S* REPORT.

It is rather interesting to know precisely how Mr. Hesing's organ would discuss the true facts of the case in reporting the riot. Without further remark the following exact translation thereof is here submitted:

> GRAND DEMONSTRATION—THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE REPRESENTED BY 11,000 MEN—WHO ARE THE PEOPLE? NEXT QUERIES!—The long announced meeting of property-holders on the North Side last Saturday and Sunday, at which it was resolved to prevent the extension of the fire limits further north than the old fire limits, was responded to by an immense number of people, who assembled on Carney's and Council last evening, to make it clear to their minds how large a number of property-owners on the North Side actually are in favor of the extension. The grand demonstration consisted of a procession, which started from Aid. Carney's house, corner of Market and Illinois streets. As our reporter approached the place of movement, shortly before 8 o'clock, there were already large people assembled on the corner, many of whom were evil-disposed toward the professed demonstration, they having come with the intent, believing that it would be a farce, as they had read in THE TRIBUNE and *Times*—that it would be ignored. The belief that the procession would not prove a success was soon dissipated.
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> Very shortly after 7 o'clock the friendly tramp, "heel and toe," of North Siders coming to the procession could be heard—showing that they wasted their little bones proceeded from down town. It may be true that the people in line were not the best-to-do of the North Side, or those who wear large coats, but they were the bone and sinew of the property owners, which could be perceived from their appearance. They were the peaceful workers in the constitution of the city, who claim the right to occupy their humble homes, and join in a demonstration against what would prevent their removal. The crowd grew rapidly larger, and at half past 7 o'clock the procession moved off. It came up Michigan street, as far down as Michigan street, and now according to the rank and file, symmetrically made. The procession had been placed in succession, when another addition was made,—the property-owners of the Sixteenth and seventeenth Wards, under Marshal Lorz Schlotthauer, joining in with ringing of bells and music. After his following came a full regiment of torch bearers, which made up the third section of the great parade. The carried banners on which was inscribed: "Home for the People," "No Barracks," "No Tenement Houses," "The Fire Limits may go further west than Wells street," "No Combination of Aldermen and other Corrupt ones," "Leave the Workers a Home."
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> On one transparency were the tools of the carpenter's trade, on the front side being a gallows, under which was the following inscription: "This is the end of those who vote for the fire ordinance." Marshal John Mahler, of Illinois and Market streets, and went to Michigan street; from there to LaSalle street, through the tunnel, south on LaSalle street to the Council Chamber. At the very place music sang "The Watch on the Rhine," while their fellow-citizens, Irishmen, Scandinavians, and Germans, marched by their side.
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> In spite of the fact that the police force on duty at the Council Chamber numbered eighteen, the head of the procession was so powerful that they took immediate possession of the City Hall; the rear of the procession had at this time, having left the corner of Market and Illinois streets. There were about 11,000 persons participating in the demonstration. It was a very beautiful sight which stood persons perceived passing through the wonderful display of gas-lights surrounding the City Hall, which lighted up their path. Notwithstanding the immense number of people gathered together there was no disturbance whatever in going through the burnt districts, and no one who had the sentence of fire destroyed in the hearts of North Side it heart was desirous of hasting or having any fuss. It was certainly the most peaceable and most quiet one, considering the number of people who took part, which ever took place in Chicago. Arrived at the Council Chamber, the people present, and they seemed to be much exercised at the notion of their fellow-citizens having the audacity to disturb the peace during the march to the Council Chamber. When the procession reached the City Hall, the crowd had become a dense, impenetrable, immovable body of men. The committee appointed to wait upon the Council proposed to present the petition against the extension of the fire limits, made their appearance and requested that the transparencies be taken into the Council Chamber. Sergeant Lull and six policemen preventing their entrance. The police were ordered to clear the street in the same manner as they could see what was going on in the Council Chamber, and to prevent the several assault. In spite of the exertions of Lord Hesing, who informed the throng that the wishes of the people of the North Side would be heard, the crowd, they proceed forward and took possession of the hall. Then the doors which were broken down. General confusion resulted. Hundreds of persons who were on the outside demanded admittance, whereupon the police drove the masses back in two directions. Several persons attempted to penetrate the masses by withdraw, because their lives were in danger, but the noise and confusion was so great that no one could hear his own words. Alderman Cleaver mounted a chair and attempted to make a speech, but the crowd would not allow him to say anything, and he retired into the inner temple. At this juncture Superintendent Sherman ordered the police to open the door of the Council Chamber, and the police forces were then carried into the hall; but the pressure of the people was so great that they were driven out of the hall at loss of life by the giving away of the floor and letting the masses down. Those in front of the City Hall were informed that the Council had shown themselves to be timid, and were ready to act in accordance with the demands of the committee. As usual, Reynolds was present, and ready and willing to make a speech. He met naturally no response, and he, too, left the City Hall and withdrew into the darkness of the night.
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> The proceedings, notwithstanding the trouble, terminated without their homeward march over Clark street bridge, the young roughs exercising themselves by throwing stones at the bridge-tenders, who were trying to get the bridge closed. Nothing serious is known of any injuries sustained, except that Sergeant Lull was slightly injured in the face.

In report of the Common Council proceedings, the *Staats Zeitung*, referring to the advent of the "procession," says:

> At this time music was heard on the outside of the Court House, and the Council didn't get up and said to the Chairman: "It is time to take up and vote on the fire limits question."
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> Ald. McGrath said the Council was being serenaded, and inquired the reason for it.
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> Ald. Cleaver said that a committee be appointed to see what the people wanted, and the President appointed Aldermen Cleaver, Dunlap and Ewing to find out the inwards.
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> Ald. McGinnis wanted the Council to adjourn, before the Committee was influenced by the people.
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> A vote was taken and 25 were opposed to and 12 favored an adjournment. Schmitz, of the Sixth Ward, was the only German who voted for the adjournment.
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> Ald. Cleaver then handed in some bills. The Committee said they were right and they were told to pass them.
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> Ald. Busse wanted to bring in something that affected him personally, but he couldn't get a motion in.
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> In the meantime the Aldermen were outside trying to get the transparencies through the door into the Council Chamber, but they were told they could not be got in. A great noise was produced and several of the Aldermen got frightened, and Alderman McAvoy said, without any remarks, "this meeting is adjourned," this, in spite of the vote being against adjournment. Ald. Busse left the Council Chamber and came to listen to the debate about the fire ordinance, but the President did not call it up, taking advantage of the opportunity of dismissing the Council.
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> After that the doors of the Court House were opened entirely, and the transparencies and banners were brought into the hall with cheers.
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> Ex-Alderman Schaffner and the North Side people, when he spoke to them last Sunday, that the Common Council could only be controlled by the force of sighs.
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> The citizens became very angry when they learned that the ordinance had been adjourned before the two Aldermen had made their report. Some of the Aldermen went among the masses, who, on the very approaches and took possession of the seats in the room. There was some "back talk," and they upbraided one another about the ordinance, and the Aldermen had to take "a good deal of it."
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> Ex-Alderman Schaffner made a short speech to the people in the hall, and tried to pacify them.
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> Mr. Hesing was called upon to speak and some few words. He said he would not go into it over the whole thing, as the *Staats Zeitung* had talked about it a whole week—but he said that the reports in the daily papers will turn everything I say inside down and put a different meaning to it just as the *Zeitung* would if did not say two words. The Aldermen were astonished because I was trying to agitate for my own personal benefit. He then went on to show that the Lincoln offered me two offices, but would not accept them. Grant wanted to give me an office, but I refused. I did not want to be a book agent, that I refused. I did not want to be a book agent, that I refused. I did not want to be a book agent, that

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TUESDAY EVENING, Jan. 16.

Money continues to grow more abundant in New York. The last statement of the banks in that city showed that they had about $9,000,000 less loanable funds at their command than they held at the end of the previous week. So large an increase in the surplus money offered for loans has naturally created a speculative fever in railway stocks, but otherwise than this has not had much effect yet.

The advance in stocks has now been from 3 to 5 per cent on all the leading speculative specialties since a week ago. The rise has been so large that many holders will probably endeavor to realize, and a reaction is not improbable. Money is, however, likely to continue abundant, and another rise and a considerably higher average of prices before spring is not improbable.

In the local market there is a moderately active demand for money, but the banks are well supplied, and are willing to increase their loans on short time paper, though long paper is not much sought after.

Exchange has been in better supply for a day or two past, and sold yesterday and to-day between banks at from 80c to 75c per $1,000 premium. At the counter, bankers buy at from par to 1-10 discount, and sell at 1-10 premium.

THE PROPOSED INSURANCE LAW.

A bill is now pending in the Legislature for a general law authorizing the incorporation and providing for the government of fire and marine, inland navigation, and life insurance companies in this State. The proposed law is a part of that system of general laws on special subjects by which it was intended in the new Constitution to place uniform restrictions and confer uniform privileges on all kinds of separate corporations in each branch of business, and to put an end to the abuses growing out of the granting of special charters with special privileges to particular corporations. The bill in question is intended to make that system of wholesale insurance which has to some extent prevailed in this State impossible. As no law is ever passed perfectly adapted to the purposes intended, of this one may not prove entirely effectual, but will at least be a vast improvement on anything we have had heretofore. We understand that all the sound insurance companies doing business here regard the law as a good one, with the exception of two or three provisions which they object to as onerous.

The principal feature of the law is to the effect that no insurance company of any other State shall do business in this State without first appointing an attorney, on whom process of law may be served; and that any service of process upon such attorney shall be a sufficient process upon the company "and a waiver of right to trial in any other form."

The bill as it stands now, does not say that this shall be a waiver on the part of the insurance company, but that is what is intended, and it is hardly to be supposed that insurance companies of other States, doing business here, object, and with what seems to us, good reason. If the restriction of United States Courts is removed, it sometimes undoubtedly is, that evil should be remedied in other ways. There is no justice in making fire insurance companies an exception to a rule founded on constitutional rights.

The next provision objected to is in Section 24, to the effect that no insurance shall be effected on any building for more than three-fourths its actual value, and "no clause shall be inserted in any policy to relieve any insurance company of the duty of proof of the amount of any part of the cash value of the property destroyed, not exceeding the amount covered by insurance. If this provision became a law there would be no means by which an insurance company could protect itself from either the careless or the positive incendiarism of persons who might take gunpowder, petroleum, nitro-glycerine or anything else for their premises without violating the policies of insurance. Many of the most responsible and honorable insurance companies have doubtless withdraw from the State if so important a safeguard were entirely removed by law. The intention of this clause, doubtless, was to indirectly check a manner in which the insurance companies generally have contributed to escape just liabilities by the insertion in their policies of unjust and exceptional clauses, printed in such fine type that the intention evidently is to disgust and mystify the average business man who accepts them in complete faith in the honor and integrity, a knowledge of what he may do and what he may not do, without invalidating his policy. The duties of the Boards of Underwriters are specified from reading them by the manner in which the policy is got up. The other is that by which the Insurance Commissioner is to exact that a large proportion of just losses be optional with the company whether they pay or not.

The provisions also that it shall be no defence in a suit that the party was over-insured. To this the insurance companies object, though it is evident no fraud can be founded. If any companies induce incendiarism by piling up insurance on property to double its value they should be made to pay the penalty of their own wickedness. The insurance men have the remedy for "over-insurance" in their own hands, by not to insure any property for more than they regard it to be worth.

The only other clause of the proposed law, we have, is which insurance men generally object to, is the one to the effect that the reports of the assets and liabilities of the companies made to the Insurance Commissioner shall be published by every agent of such company, at least once in every twelve weeks, in some newspaper in the county where such agent is doing business. This provision is made because it was intended the insurance companies should be for the benefit of the country peoples. There seems to be no legitimate objection which can be urged against this, and insurance companies doubtless regard advertising as a good means of getting business, but we agree with them, that advertising should not be compulsory.

AN ENGLISH OPINION OF MR. BOUTWELL'S.

The following criticism upon Mr. Boutwell's financial policy is from the London Economist:

Mr. Boutwell's third statement revives the impression that seldom has the Finance Minister of a great State so completely misunderstood the duties which devolved upon him. As was the case in his statement last year Mr. Boutwell is less fiscal, and enthusiastic than the Chancellor of the Exchequer usually is, and his financial crotchets of his own, unfortunately, are to a large extent mischievous. There is little more than a statement of his adherence to the policy of heavy taxes to reduce debt, a lame account of his vindication of the income tax, and a list of articles which have come so far short of his intentions, as a suggestion to plant the industry of iron ores now existing in the United States, at an annual cost for five years of $15 per ton to the owners of the ore.

TRADE OF SAN FRANCISCO.

Information received from San Francisco, by the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Post Roads and Post Roads, gives a cheerful view of affairs with the Australian line. The Nebraska, which sailed on the 4th of January, brought 1,100 passengers from Australia, 110 of whom were destined for Great Britian. She also brought a large mail, and 300 tons of wool, for Hartford, Connecticut.

The San Francisco papers furnish the following statement of the trade of the port:

Exports in 1871.	Merchandise.	Treasure.	Total.
January	$1,731,000	$640,000	$2,371,000
February	930,274	2,145,000	3,075,274
March	1,869,700	1,075,701	3,045,457
April	1,630,000	1,294,000	2,924,000
May	1,668,284	1,438,508	3,126,553*
June	718,115	1,858,541	2,574,656
July	1,041,000	1,250,000	2,291,700
August	1,537,324	1,739,466	3,277,430
September	1,690,000	1,201,000	2,891,000
October	1,310,362	776,944	2,087,307
November	1,393,311	1,130,000	2,210,791
December	1,134,000	1,122,000	2,256,000
Total	$13,988,020	$17,141,207	$31,132,233

The exports of merchandise and treasure for the past six years have been in the aggregate as follows:

	1865.	1866.
Domestic produce merchandise	$8,765,238	$11,496,648
Foreign and Eastern do	5,411,146	8,221,248
Treasure	23,000,000	23,000,000
Totals 1865 and 1866	$36,700,620	$72,483,473
	1867.	1868.
Domestic produce merchandise	$16,464,838	$17,261,999
Foreign and Eastern do	5,460,718	5,046,447
Treasure	48,224,237	35,858,091
Totals 1727 and 1868	$70,229,893	$58,236,347
	1869.	1870.
Domestic produce merchandise	$17,120,536	$17,135,702
Foreign and Eastern do	5,020,691	8,168,114
Treasure	37,236,118	25,308,463
Totals 1869 and 1870	$59,378,345	$50,612,279
	1871.	
Domestic produce merchandise	$17,926,251	
Foreign and Eastern do	11,127,000	
Treasure	29,953,813	
Total 1871	$57,987,387	

The receipts of duties at this port for several years have been as follows, showing a considerable reduction from the year of 1865:

Years.	1865.	1870.	1871.
January	$427,000.97	$421,854.87	$645,107.63
February	607,000.00	595,000.00	484,570.70
March	780,000.21	780,467.60	802,340.04	696,121.20
April	1,000,000.00	894,892.05	1,000,000.00	665,731.28
May	672,956.18	665,030.24	629,125.28	679,152.71
June	1,000,000.00	675,091.81	800,027.58	615,882.21
July	866,062.77	844,814.74	902,188.89	699,696.02
August	1,000,000.00	749,000.56	769,063.43	702,991.22
September	1,000,000.00	807,823.06	828,727.44	802,120.29
October	630,000.00	630,000.00	647,000.00	715,378.48
November	600,000.00	624,479.45	500,641.18	552,279.42
December	600,000.00	599,864.04	553,714.90	577,558.71
Total	$9,186,021.73	$8,189,376.14	$7,573,086.97	$7,578,370.12

The receipts of duties at this port for the year 1865 was $7,612,468.42.
The receipts of duties at this port for the year 1867 was $6,541,346.80.

LATEST.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Gold was a little firmer at the close, but otherwise unchanged, at 109¾@¾.

Loans, 3@7. Clearings, $27,000,000.

Markets dull and easy.

The Bank of England statement for the week ending Jan. 13 shows a decrease of £1,000,000 in specie, and an increase of £1,000,000 in the reserve. The Bank of France statement for the week ending Jan. 11 shows an increase of 2,000,000 francs in specie, and a decrease of 1,000,000 francs in bills discounted.

Withdrawn on Monday for city consumption 3,839 bu wheat; 4,872 bu corn; 1,488 bu oats; 304 bu rye; 404 bu barley.

The following grain has been inspected into store up to 10 o'clock this morning: 54 cars wheat; 4 cars corn; 29 cars oats; 1 cars rye; 25 cars barley. Total 386 cars, or 156,000 bu.

There was much less doing in produce circles to-day than usual, but not much change in prices. The receipts were fair in quantity in the leading cereals, but little was offered.

Highwines were steady at the recent decline, though other markets were again weak. Sales were reported of 250 bris at 87c.

Dressed Hogs were a shade firmer, being in good request at 5¼@5¾c for soft, 5¾@6 for choice, and 6@6½ for the bulk of the best, sales being for local consumption.

Provisions were quiet, with no material change in prices. The trading was chiefly in mess pork, which opened firm, but eased off under the offerings of more than was wanted by buyers. Land was in some demand early, and yesterday's quotations were bid, but as holders did not seem anxious to sell buyers withdrew. Meats were not wanted, except a few green hams for consumption; they were quoted steady, with very firm holders. Shipping is the principal feature of the market now seems to be a tendency to a weakness in pork, owing to the impression that the packers are not turning everything into pork, barrels being cheaper than white pine. This is lessening the production of other hog products, which are relatively higher in consequence. The following was the closing range of quotations: Mess pork, cash or seller the month, $12.95@12.97½; do seller February, $13.10@13.12½; do seller March, $13.30@13.40; do seller April, $13.55@13.60. Lard, cash or seller the month, $8.60; do seller February, $8.70; do seller March, $8.90@8.95; do seller April, nominal. Green meats at 4c for shoulders; 5¾c for short ribs; 6¼c for short clear; and 6¾c for hams. Dry salted meats at 4¼@4½c for shoulders; 6¾c for rough sides; 6¾c for short ribs; 6¾c for short clear. Boxed meats 4½@5c higher than the above quotations for loose. Boxed Cumberlands, 8¾@9c. Sweet pickled hams, 8½@9c. Bacon quoted at 5¾c for shoulders, 7¾@7¾c for short ribs, 7¾c for short clear; and 8½@8¾c for hams. Mess beef, $8.00@8.25; extra mess beef, $10.00. Beef hams, $17.00@18.00. City tallow, 8½@8¾c. Sales were reported of 2,000 bris mess pork seller the month, or cash, at $13.00; 500 bris do at $12.97½; 1,700 bris do seller February at $13.15; 500 bris do at $13.14; 1,600 bris do at $13.12½; 250 bris do at $13.10; 500 bris do seller last half February at $13.22½; 100 bris do seller March at $13.40; 500 bris do at $13.37½; 500 bris do at $13.35; 600 bris lard at $8.60; 500 tcs do cash seller January and February at $8.87½; 50 tcs do at $8.55; 300 tcs do cash and seller the month of the land was sold last evening; 80,000 lbs shoulders (green) at 4¾c; 40,000 lbs do (cured) at 4¾c; 50 boxes do at 4¾c; 40,000 lbs short ribs at 6¾c; 30 boxes short clear seller February at 6¾c; 20,000 lbs green hams at 8½c; 275,000 lbs do pcs do at 7c; 100 tcs sweet pickled hams at 9¾c; 30 tcs yellow grease at 6¾c; 30 tcs white grease at 6¾c.

Flour was rather quiet. There was a fair demand, but in view of the light stocks many holders refused to accept offers of 50c per bri, which buyers refused to concede. Sales were reported of 200 bris white winter extras on private terms; 100 bris spring extras at $7.00; 100 bris do at $6.90; 200 bris do (Big Loaf) at $6.62½; 100 bris do at $6.50; 100 bris do at $6.40; 100 bris do at $6.25; 100 bris do at $6.15; 100 bris do at $6.00; 100 bris buckwheat flour at $6.00. Total, 11,000 bris. Rye flour was nominal at $4.75@5.00. Buckwheat flour at $15.00 on track; 20 tons do at $14.00 delivered.

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Corn was rather quiet, and firm at ½@¾c advance on yesterday's prices, in spite of the fact that Liverpool was quoted lower. The greater firmness was probably due to the expectation that receipts will diminish down to a low figure while other cereals will be allowed to come on as usual. It is understood that several of the railroads have decided to bring in more at present rates, and that arrangements are in progress for storing large quantities along the lines of road tributary to this city. Then the belief exists that arrangements will be made by which a part of that here can be moved out; at present, freight rates by rail are so much against the Chicago shipper as to practically exclude him from all business, and nearly all the corn now reported shipped from this city only goes through for breaking bulk. Cash No. 2 sold at 41¾@41¾c—principally at 41¾c—and closed at the inside. Seller February sold at 41¾@42c, and seller April at 42@42¼c. Seller May at 45¾@45¾c. Cash sales were reported of 20,000 bu No. 2 at 41½c; 18,000 bu do at 41½c; 33,000 bu do at 41¾c; 2,000 bu do at 41¾c; 1,000 bu rejected at 39½c; 400 bu oats at 39c; 400 bu do at 38½—both on track. Total, 187,800 bu.

Oats were dull and a shade easier, though reported firm on the New York. There were very few buyers here. Cash oats closed at 32c, seller February sold sparingly at 33c, seller April at 34¼c, and seller May at 37@37½c. Cash sales were limited to 7,400 bu at 32c; 8,000 bu at 32½c; 600 bu rejected at 29½c; 6,000 bu by sample at 34c. Total, 22,000 bu.

Rye was quiet but firm, with buyers at 57c for No 2 all through the season, and very light offerings. Sales were reported: 1,800 bu No. 2 at 67c. Rejected was nominal at 60½c.

Barley opened firm at 62c for No. 2, but soon weakened, and closed dull at 59½c. Seller February closed at 61@61½c. The following was the closing range of quotations: Mess pork, cash or seller the month, $12.95@12.97½; do seller February, $13.10@13.12½; do seller March, $13.30@13.40; do seller April, $13.55@13.60. Lard, cash or seller the month, $8.60; do seller February, $8.70; do seller March, $8.90@8.95; do seller April, nominal. Green meats at 4c for shoulders; 5¾c for short ribs; 6¼c for short clear; and 6¾c for hams. Dry salted meats at 4¼@4½c for shoulders; 6¾c for rough sides; 6¾c for short ribs; 6¾c for short clear. Boxed meats 4½@5c higher than the above quotations for loose. Boxed Cumberlands, 8¾@9c. Sweet pickled hams, 8½@9c. Bacon quoted at 5¾c for shoulders, 7¾@7¾c for short ribs, 7¾c for short clear; and 8½@8¾c for hams. Mess beef, $8.00@8.25; extra mess beef, $10.00. Beef hams, $17.00@18.00. City tallow, 8½@8¾c. Sales were reported of 2,000 bris mess pork seller the month, or cash, at $13.00; 500 bris do at $12.97½; 1,700 bris do seller February at $13.15; 500 bris do at $13.14; 1,600 bris do at $13.12½; 250 bris do at $13.10; 500 bris do seller last half February at $13.22½; 100 bris do seller March at $13.40; 500 bris do at $13.37½; 500 bris do at $13.35; 600 bris lard at $8.60; 500 tcs do cash seller January and February at $8.87½; 50 tcs do at $8.55; 300 tcs do cash and seller the month of the land was sold last evening; 80,000 lbs shoulders (green) at 4¾c; 40,000 lbs do (cured) at 4¾c; 50 boxes do at 4¾c; 40,000 lbs short ribs at 6¾c; 30 boxes short clear seller February at 6¾c; 20,000 lbs green hams at 8½c; 275,000 lbs do pcs do at 7c; 100 tcs sweet pickled hams at 9¾c; 30 tcs yellow grease at 6¾c; 30 tcs white grease at 6¾c.

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Estimated.

The amount afloat in New York not included. The foreign exports of provisions from New York for the week ending Jan. 9, 1872, and the distribution of same:

To	Pork, brls.	Beef, brls.	Lard, lbs.	Bacon, lbs.	Tallow, lbs.
Liverpool	79	100	1,000,000	2,145,988	208,750
London			1,418,000	10,000	70,845
Bremen				284,852	230,901
W. Indies		500	425,000	200,000	7,000
Br. Colonies		251	37,000	3,000	1,500
Br. Guiana		75	97	10,000	3,000
Brazil			70,000		
Mexico			33,100		
Cuba				200,100	
Total	79	926	2,983,197	2,853,940	521,996
Week Jan. 2, 1872	1,572	1,169	3,630,493	2,105,168	201,169
Week Dec. 31, 1871	4,288	2,979	4,716,842	4,045,152	741,654
Week Dec. 24	1,631	1,201	2,501,241	2,649,261	1,486,960
Week Dec. 17	3,559	3,138	5,027,424	3,677,000	684,000
Week Dec. 10	1,461	2,247	2,231,377	3,004,252	1,165,932
And 131,638 lbs	butter, 18,376	lbs	grease, 16,267	lbs	
steamer.					

And from Nov. 1 to Jan. 9, inclusive, for three years:

	1871-72.	1870-71.	1869-70.
Pork, brls	28,782	27,638	12,038
Beef, packs	2,350	2,435	1,050
Lard, lbs	34,455,597	15,316,175	4,511,251
Bacon, lbs	36,431,291	11,361,437	7,172,845
Butter, lbs	1,160,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Cheese, lbs	6,088,400	3,307,379	4,064,982
Tallow, lbs	10,000,000	8,000,000	6,000,181

Imports of provisions into the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, for the eleven months ending Nov. 30, for three years:

IMPORTS.	1871.	1870.	1869.
	cwts.	cwts.	cwts.
Pork, fresh	29,443	22,976	15,230
Pork, salted	244,405	170,491	137,209
Beef, salted	348,526	141,461	189,003
Beef, fresh	19,478	8,439	10,642
Bacon and hams	917,229	487,310	468,176
Meats	70,651	85,788	57,178
Lard	431,230	261,479	224,898
Butter	1,234,543	1,013,866	1,080,945
Cheese	1,148,900	882,238	854,876
Tallow	1,393,730	1,262,000	901,744

The following figures, taken from the Paris *Journal des Economistes*, are of interest, as showing the estimated production of wool in those countries which contribute to the European and American consumption of that staple:

ESTIMATED WOOL PRODUCTION OF THE WORLD IN 1871, 12 POUNDS OF 454 GRAMMES IN:

England	159,960,000
Australia	152,500,000
Van Diemen's Land	6,136,000
New Zealand	28,375,000
Cape of Good Hope	38,000,000
La Plata	138,000,000
East Indies	74,797,000
Russia	90,760,000
Sweden	6,622,000
Norway	6,395,000
Greece	1,636,000
Denmark	7,618,000
Germany	7,031,000
France	69,000,000
Holland	6,136,000
Belgium	2,500,000
Spain	91,118,000
Italy	74,433,000
Austria	24,840,000
Switzerland	6,275,000
United States	1,336,000
	177,000,000
Total	1,121,519,000

The New York *Commercial Advertiser* tells the following pretty little story about St. Louis; it is evident that the good people of that city need to send a reporter to New York, as well as to Chicago, to supervise the statements of commercial transactions for their benefit:

In one instance last summer certain packages of tea went to St. Louis from San Francisco. It is there being no sale, they were shipped first to Cincinnati and then to Philadelphia. At this last point, an auction sale was effected, and the tea secured the first bought it, and bore it back in triumph to that city, loaded with the cost of intermediate expenses, and the outside figure of profit. It is evident that St. Louis is not a tea market, though we learn from the *Trade Report* of that city that the receipts are not particularly scanty to take hold at what they considered to be extreme prices. Liverpool was quoted unchanged, and the advices here on the spring wheat crop were rather small, so that there was no special reason for pressure. Nevertheless, the views of holders weakened after 1 o'clock, and several of the shorts took advantage of the offers of concessions, giving a more active market than before noon. Under February opened at $1.28, declined to $1.27½, improved to $1.28, gained to $1.28¼, and remained decline in Liverpool and closed at 1½@¾. Seller the month sold at $1.24@1.24½; and seller February at $1.25@1.25½. No. 3 spring at $1.25@¾. Other grades were firm but quiet. Cash sales were reported of 400 bu No. 1 spring at $1.28; 1,000 bu do at $1.27½; 2,000 bu do at $1.27; 1,000 bu do at $1.26½; 5,000 bu do at $1.25½; 15,500 bu do at $1.25¼; 22,800 bu do at $1.25¾; 25,000 bu do at $1.25¾; 20,000 bu do at $1.26; 5,000 bu do at $1.26¼; 5,000 bu do at $1.26½; 1,000 bu do at $1.14½; 1,600 bu do at $1.14; 1,000 bu do at $1.14; 400 bu rejected spring at $1.05. Total 103,300 bu.

Corn was rather quiet, and firm at ½@¾c advance on yesterday's prices, in spite of the fact that Liverpool was quoted lower. The greater firmness was probably due to the expectation that receipts will diminish down to a low figure while other cereals will be allowed to come on as usual. It is understood that several of the railroads have decided to bring in more at present rates, and that arrangements are in progress for storing large quantities along the lines of road tributary to this city. Then the belief exists that arrangements will be made by which a part of that here can be moved out; at present, freight rates by rail are so much against the Chicago shipper as to practically exclude him from all business, and nearly all the corn now reported shipped from this city only goes through for breaking bulk. Cash No. 2 sold at 41¾@41¾c—principally at 41¾c—and closed at the inside. Seller February sold at 41¾@42c, and seller April at 42@42¼c. Seller May at 45¾@45¾c. Cash sales were reported of 20,000 bu No. 2 at 41½c; 18,000 bu do at 41½c; 33,000 bu do at 41¾c; 2,000 bu do at 41¾c; 1,000 bu rejected at 39½c; 400 bu oats at 39c; 400 bu do at 38½—both on track. Total, 187,800 bu.

Oats were dull and a shade easier, though reported firm on the New York. There were very few buyers here. Cash oats closed at 32c, seller February sold sparingly at 33c, seller April at 34¼c, and seller May at 37@37½c. Cash sales were limited to 7,400 bu at 32c; 8,000 bu at 32½c; 600 bu rejected at 29½c; 6,000 bu by sample at 34c. Total, 22,000 bu.

Rye was quiet but firm, with buyers at 57c for No 2 all through the season, and very light offerings. Sales were reported: 1,800 bu No. 2 at 67c. Rejected was nominal at 60½c.

Barley opened firm at 62c for No. 2, but soon weakened, and closed dull at 59½c. Seller February closed at 61@61½c. The following were the stocks of grain in store in warehouses in this city, on the evening of Saturday last, and at corresponding dates:

WHEAT.	Jan. 13, 1872.	Jan. 6, 1872.	Jan. 14, 1871.
No. 1 amber	1,230	1,395	----
No. 2 amber	----	656	121
No. 3 amber	600	383	400
No. 2 red	2,055	4,693	1,779
No. 3 winter	1,445	3,154	349
No. 1 spring	22,357	22,357	329,000
No. 2 spring	1,394,019	1,308,618	2,219,351
No. 3 spring	59,993	55,365	147,226
No. 1 hard spring	7,471	----	----
Rejected spring	36,588	37,638	----
Rejected spring	28,417	29,157	27,027
No grade spring	914	998	5,799
Total wheat	1,466,221	1,379,294	2,730,813
CORN.			
White	39,976	38,731	32,495
Yellow	1,609,736	1,609,736	1,073
No. 1	61,443	73,994	1,979
No. 2	4,161,164	3,546,079	467,736
Rejected	166,506	204,252	22,463
No. 2 rlin dried	----	2,378	----
Rejected do	----	120	3,516
No grade	1,839	1,922	15,950
Total corn	6,418,928	6,067,513	1,397,800
OATS.			
No. 1	7,867	10,993	3,911
No. 2	886,069	742,714	467,736
Rejected	80,264	72,552	42,206
No grade	1,116	2,131	582
Total oats	975,666	838,009	542,026
BARLEY.			
No. 1	58,463	58,188	16,218
No. 2	229,984	234,208	55,000
Rejected	7,056	8,047	5,752
Total rye	293,583	301,118	75,952
RAILWAY.			
No. 2	459,402	404,449	349,771
No. 3	106,491	124,375	61,209
Rejected	9,216	9,453	7,497
No grade	----	----	290
Total barley	575,109	538,279	418,851

Total, 7,706,597 bu. The wheat in store has increased 87,097 bu; corn, 348,415 bu; oats, 137,663 bu; barley, 16,820 bu. Rye has decreased 7,532 bu. Total increase during the week, 982,463 bu.

Total in this we should add 49,851 bu wheat, 372,105 bu corn; and 130,684 bu oats, afloat in the harbor, making a grand total of 8,388,943 bu of grain of all kinds in Chicago.

The New York *Produce Exchange Circular* has the following:

The stock in New York, afloat in barges and canal-boats, are not included, which were, on the 30th December, 1871: Wheat, 204,900 bu; corn, 359,200 bu; oats, 185,500 bu; barley, 269,600 bu; against 310,622 bu wheat; 29,200 bu corn; 357,558 bu oats, and 1,88,320 bu barley at the corresponding date in 1870.

During the two months ending Sept. 30, 1871, the imports of wheat into Marseilles comprised 291 cargoes, containing 855,400 qrs of wheat, against 218 cargoes for the two months ending Nov. 30, containing 518,298 qrs of wheat, and from Dec. 1 to 15, 85 cargoes, containing 96,559 qrs of wheat, or an aggregate of 1,180,255 qrs in 4½ months—equal to 3,449,040 bushels.

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The following figures, taken from the Paris *Journal des Economistes*, are of interest, as showing the estimated production of wool in those countries which contribute to the European and American consumption of that staple:

ESTIMATED WOOL PRODUCTION OF THE WORLD IN 1871, 12 POUNDS OF 454 GRAMMES IN:

England	159,960,000
Australia	152,500,000
Van Diemen's Land	6,136,000
New Zealand	28,375,000
Cape of Good Hope	38,000,000
La Plata	138,000,000
East Indies	74,797,000
Russia	90,760,000
Sweden	6,622,000
Norway	6,395,000
Greece	1,636,000
Denmark	7,618,000
Germany	7,031,000
France	69,000,000
Holland	6,136,000
Belgium	2,500,000
Spain	91,118,000
Italy	74,433,000
Austria	24,840,000

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1872.

THE FIRE-BUGS' RIOT—DUTY OF THE CITY AUTHORITIES.

The more the riotous demonstration upon the City Hall, on Monday evening, is looked at in the light of reason and common prudence, the more dangerous in its character, and disastrous in its possible results, it becomes. Even if our city authorities shall display all the energy and efficiency requisite to vindicate the dignity of the city and the majesty of the law, it will be long before Chicago hears the last of this disgraceful affair, —how her authorized legislative body was invaded by a howling mob, bearing threatening banners, its deliberations broken up, and its windows smashed, all by way of compelling the Council to vote as the rioters desired on a certain pending measure. It will immediately occur that, if this is the way which interested parties take, in the New Chicago, to present their petitions to the Municipal Legislature, when there is really no danger that the legislation will be adverse to the parties referred to, it will not be judicious to invest money or labor here, or to take up a residence in such a disorderly community.

In the first place, the rioters should be promptly proceeded against, with a view to bringing them to justice, and showing them, and any other evil-disposed persons who may be inclined to follow in their footsteps, that there is law in the community, and machinery for enforcing it. There will be little difficulty, we apprehend, in making out a case before the Grand Jury against the leaders of the mob and those who wounded Policeman Lull. It having been settled between the leaders, some days ago, that whatever banners the rioters might carry should be taken into the Council Chamber and exhibited, the artists of the rabble were ordered to paint thereon as much that was hideous and emphatic as they could. Hence, following the Prussian flag, which, of course, had its signification, there came a Ku-Klux device, or Jack-o'-Lantern, representing on one side an Alderman hung to a gallows for voting for a fire-ordinance, and on the other three sides, in black-looking characters, various axes and other implements made to resemble the skulls and cross-bones which other lawless persons, operating in the Southern States, have made so familiar to the popular eye of late.

So far as the cause of all this lawlessness is concerned, it would unquestionably have been much better for the rioters if they had staid away from the City Hall, or if they had never assembled and inspired themselves at the gin shop of their Aldermanic Marshal, Carney. There was no probability that the Council would enact an ordinance embodying features obnoxious to the mob. The body cannot now, however, do anything which even looks to be a concession to the demand of their assailants. Indeed, this sentiment was freely expressed, on the occasion of the outrage, by members who were not counted as supporters of a stringent fire-ordinance. Hence, the secondary results of the assault on the Council will probably be favorable to the passage of a good ordinance. The effect abroad, however, will be exceedingly damaging.

There are many imperative reasons why the officers of the peace and of the municipal administration should stand firm and strike home. The fire-ordinance is not the only *casus belli* which is liable to bring down an army of Germans from the North, or of Irish from the West, before the present trying season is over. There are plenty of pretexts for riot, when once the lawless feeling is aroused, and an impression created that the City Government is weak. The passage of the new liquor law, the administration of the Relief Fund, the enforcement of the collection of taxes,—any one of half a dozen pretexts, may excite similar crowds of vagabonds and rowdies; so that, if the rioters of this incendiary brigade are allowed to march off with their colors flying, the Common Council, or the courts, or the churches, or the newspaper offices,—any of the guardians of the public peace, or conservators of the public morals,—may look at any time for more Ku-Klux banners, more high-voiced orators, more hoarse multitudes bearing brick-bats, and breathing out threatenings and slaughter whenever anything happens that does not suit them.

In this case there has been an infraction of law which strikes at the integrity of our system of government, for it seeks to substitute the will of a mob for the deliberations of the regularly-constituted authorities of the city. Probably the leaders and spokesmen of the mob did not themselves intend any violence, but only a sufficient display of force to accomplish their purpose without bloodshed. But, coming in the way they did, they assumed the responsibility of the consequences. Their conduct should be forthwith investigated by the Grand Jury, and, if it be found that they have violated the law, they should be indicted, tried, and punished according to law.

THE FIRST NORTH-SIDE WAR.

The disorderly proceedings of Monday night, on the part of the mob that stormed the Common Council Chamber, will recall to the older citizens the events of what is known in the history of Chicago as the "Lager-Beer War" of 1855. At the city election, in the first week of March, in that year, Dr. Levi D. Boone was chosen Mayor over the then incumbent, Isaac L. Milliken, by the union of the Temperance, Know-Nothing, and anti-Nebraska elements of the population. Dr. Boone had been, for many years preceding, a member of the Board of Aldermen. One of his first measures, as Mayor, was to order an enforcement of the license laws, requiring all persons selling liquor to obtain a license. If we mistake not, an effort was made to increase the license rate. There was a purpose announced to close the saloons on Sundays, according to the terms of the law, and some prosecutions in this behalf had been instituted. The Police Court was then held in the basement of the Court House. Upon the prosecutions for violating the license ordinance, appeals had been taken to the Circuit Court. On the day when these cases were to be heard, or expected to be heard, in Court, a large number of saloon-keepers, principally Germans, and residing on the North Side, accompanied by a motley crowd, and preceded by drums and fife and a flag, marched about 10 o'clock from the North Division to the Court House square. The procession marched round the building and then entered it, the beating of the drums resounding in the halls, and necessarily suspending business in all the Court-rooms. Persons were deputed to find out the precise room in which the "temperance swindle" was supposed to be going on, in order that the procession, so intent upon their rights, might proceed *en masse* to the judicial presence. The noise, however, was so great that all business was suspended. Remonstrances against this extraordinary proceeding were unavailing, and the drummers never tired of beating their instruments, rendered the confusion intolerable. The Bailiffs in time got the drummers outside the building; but the extraordinary proceeding had attracted thousands to the place. After a long time, the police, aided by the Sheriff and his Deputies, cleared the Court House of the mob. But excluding them from the building did not end the matter. The public square was closely packed with people, and the cheering and yelling, the imprecations upon the police, the denunciation of the Courts for refusing the poor man the privilege of being present when his rights were in litigation, and the eternal beating of the drums, rendered the clearing of the square a matter of necessity. This operation was slow, but it was done. Many of those in the procession neither spoke nor understood a word of English. Finally, when the mob had been got out of the square they made a stand at the corner of Clark and Randolph streets, completely blocking up both thoroughfares. Here the first violence took place. An attempt to make an arrest was resisted by the mob, and for half an hour the knock-downs, beating, and fighting were lively, but the mob gave way, and retreated to the North Side for "reinforcements."

The city remained under painful excitement for several hours, and there were countless rumors of what was going on over the river. The Mayor had, in the meantime, consolidated his police, numbering about thirty men, at the Court House. This force was recruited by the Sheriff and his Deputies. After many false alarms, the cry was given out that the "North Side was coming," and, about 4 o'clock, preceded by the inevitable fife and drum, a body of armed men, marching in military order, crossed Clark street bridge, and proceeded down Clark street to the corner of Randolph street. At that place they put themselves in line, and fired a volley in the direction of the Court House building. The police, who had been armed, then sallied in two parties, one into Clark street, and the other into Randolph street, and charged on the assailants. The sidewalks and the tops of all the over-looking buildings were crowded with spectators. The balconies and windows of the old Sherman House were packed with people looking at the combat between officers of the law and the reckless, ignorant mob. The mob, having discharged their arms, which were mostly fowling-pieces, were not allowed time to reload; the police fired upon them. Two persons were killed, a few more wounded, and one police officer lost his arm. The mob then broke and ran, followed by the police, who made many arrests. The Mayor issued several proclamations. A military company, commanded by the late Captain Gleason, appeared on the scene. The Chicago Light Artillery with its battery was ordered out, and the city was placed under martial law, or at least that part lying between LaSalle, Lake, Dearborn, and Madison streets. This armed patrol lasted for several days, including one Sunday. There was a brass gun mounted at each corner of the Court House square. Hundreds of citizens were sworn in as special police. The "North Side" was regarded as an insurrectionary district, and there were the most alarming rumors touching the supposed organization over there of an army with which to capture Chicago and overturn its Government. Our local military men during the "siege" were resplendent in their uniforms. They had their "headquarters in the saddle;" but on Sunday all the Generals, Colonels, Majors, and Captains attended church, wearing swords, spurs, chapeaux, and epaulettes. On Monday, at noon, martial law was ended, and the great Lager-Beer War was over.

The affair of Monday night has for its inception the same blunder which led to the riot of 1855. It was then advised that the aggrieved parties should attend, *en masse*, the sitting of the Court and overawe the Judge by their formidable array. On Monday night the same ill-advised proceeding took place. The attempt to march a torchlight procession to the Council Chamber, to coerce that body, or to compel it to listen to harangues from one or more demagogues, was a criminal blunder, whose repetition should never be permitted. That there was no more serious riot on Monday evening is due, perhaps, to the forbearance of the authorities.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS—THE ST. LOUIS SYSTEM.

By the special charter of 1870, granted to the city of St. Louis, streets are improved as follows: The grading is to be paid out of the general fund, and the paving, curbing, guttering, macadamizing, crosswalks, and sidewalks to be charged upon the adjoining property as a special tax. The Comptroller, of its own motion, or on a petition of a majority of the owners of ground fronting on the street, avenue, or alley, order any improvement made. The mode or "system" is very simple, and, we are informed, works easily and satisfactorily. The Council passes an ordinance that the street be improved, specifying in the ordinance "the character of the work, its extent, the material to be used, the manner and general regulations under which it shall be executed," and, if grading is included, that it be paid out of the general fund. The work is to be under the charge of the City Engineer (as we understand the charter), who, when the work is completed, makes out what is called "special tax-bills" for the work done, which are registered in the Comptroller's office. The tax-bill against each piece of property, after being registered, is endorsed by the Comptroller as registered, and countersigned by him, and by the Comptroller delivered to the contractor; the contractor in whose favor such tax bill is issued, upon the receipt thereof, is required to give his receipt in full for all claim against the city on account of the work. The tax-bill is made a lien upon the lot, and may be collected by the contractor in his own name, with interest at 10 per cent after 30 days from its date, and, after 3 months, interest runs at the rate of 15 per cent per annum. Attachment may be brought against non-resident land-owners on the tax-bills, and the tax-bills may be collected in the same manner as other taxes. The tax-bill is made *prima facie* evidence of the liability of the owner to pay; but the owner may show that the work was not done in a good or workmanlike manner. Judgment may be rendered for the value of the work done, if the same is less than the amount certified in the tax-bill. Each piece of property pays the actual cost of the work done in front of it.

All that the Council has to do with the improvements is, upon receiving an estimate from the City Engineer as to the cost, to pass the ordinance that the work be done; the City Engineer then contracts for the doing of it, superintends it, issues the tax-bills, and the contractor collects the cost from the property or the owners thereof. Where more than one block is to be paved, the ordinance provides for the issuing of the tax-bills upon the completion of the work upon each block.

If it is thought advisable for us to adopt the St. Louis system, that each piece of property pay the actual cost of the improvement made in front of it, we presume that under the New Constitution it may be done. It provides that corporate authorities of cities and towns may be vested with power to make local improvements by special assessment, or special taxation of contiguous property, *or otherwise*.

The Supreme Court of Illinois held, in the Lamed case, that a law authorizing an assessment by the front foot was unconstitutional; but the Constitution of 1848, under which the decision was made, contained no recognition of special assessments as a mode of making local improvements. It was apparently the intention of the framers of the New Constitution that the General Assembly might adopt any mode or system for making these improvements that it might deem proper. There is no restriction or limitation as to the mode in the New Constitution. The Legislature of Indiana has provided by law that all local improvements in cities throughout the State shall be made by a special assessment, according to the frontage, the city paying the cost of intersections. There is no doubt but that some fixed rule—as by the frontage, or according to the actual cost of the work done in front of the property—is, in many respects, preferable to an assessment according to "benefits."

What is the amount of "benefits" derived by any lot from an improvement, is,—if not a guess,—at the most, a mere matter of opinion. It opens the doors wide for favoritism and partiality in apportioning the burdens of these improvements, while the actual cost, or the liability according to "frontage," gives no room therefor.

That these improvements should be made by contributions from private property, and not by general tax, has been the policy adopted in this Statesince the beginning of the State Government, and it is not probable that the "general tax" system will now be adopted. It is believed that, to adopt the general tax system now, would create far more dissatisfaction than to continue the system that has heretofore been in use. Experience has demonstrated that to attempt to make these improvements out of the general fund prevents that rapid improvement of our cities which is necessary to their growth, and results often in the improvement of certain localities only to the damage and at the expense of other portions of the city.

It is a serious question whether or not, in our State, any fixed rule or general plan of making these improvements can be beneficially adopted, for the reason that all the cities do not present the same general conformation. The front foot assessment, in a level town where lots are of an average depth, would work well, while in a hilly town, like Galena or Alton, the assessment upon some basis of the actual "benefits" might be a more beneficial rule. The question is important, one of the first magnitude, as affecting the future growth of our cities, and should receive the most mature consideration from the General Assembly.

We perceive that there is a bill pending on this subject, which attempts to lay down no basis or rule of assessment for the making of these improvements, but leaves each city or town free to adopt by ordinance such rule or basis as it may deem best. It may be, if the General Assembly cannot agree upon some general rule, that it will be forced to adopt the principle of that bill.

RAILROAD BILLS IN CONGRESS.

In the proceedings of the Senate, on Monday, it is stated that Mr. Chandler, of Michigan, reported Sherman's bill incorporating a company, of which certain citizens, acting as trustees for the city of Cincinnati, are the incorporators, to construct a railroad through the State of Kentucky, from a point opposite Cincinnati, to Chattanooga, Tennessee. In the House was introduced a bill to incorporate the New York & Chicago Railroad Company, with a capital of $100,000,000, to construct a three-track railway between the two cities.

These bills are indications of the way affairs are tending. We know of no reasons why there should not be a railroad owned by the city of Cincinnati through the State of Kentucky; but we can understand very well why that railroad should be subject to such restrictions and under such regulations as the State of Kentucky may deem necessary for the protection of her citizens and their property. We do not understand by what authority Congress can confer authority upon the city of Cincinnati, or the State of Ohio, or any citizens of either, to exercise corporate powers in the State of Kentucky against the laws and Constitution of the latter State. Nor do we understand how Congress can authorize a dozen of individuals to construct and operate a railway from New York to Chicago, in defiance of the laws and institutions of the several intervening States. Just now, this city is considering the question of the admission of the various railways in the city limits; but we do not understand that Congress can intervene, and by law override all our ordinances and laws, and allow railroads to enter upon and over any streets and avenues they may select.

Nearly all the States of the Union have general laws governing the construction of railroads. Any persons, by complying with these laws, may construct as many railroads as they please. These general laws have been enacted to put an end to special legislation; but of what avail are they if Congress is by special acts to set them aside, and give to the corporations whatever privileges they may ask?

This kind of legislation is most vicious. The passage of either one of these bills will be the beginning of the most corrupt and gigantic corruption that has ever disgraced the country. There will be an immediate application to Congress for National charters by all the railroads of the country, and State, municipal, and all other local authority of control will be swept away. The country will be handed over to the proprietorship of the railway companies, which even now are operating nearly 60,000 miles of railway. These propositions are but part of the scheme to obliterate gradually the rights of States, and to consolidate all controlling power in the one Government at Washington. It may be an open question whether a consolidated Government is not better than one excluded from all local authority and whose functions are purely National, but the Constitution as it stands prohibits any such consolidation. If we are to change, let us do so formally. Let us have an amendment to the Constitution abolishing all State lines and State jurisdictions, and establishing one centralized Government. So long, however, as we have a Constitution recognizing and providing for the perpetuity of the State Governments, let us adhere to it, and still treat the States and their Constitutions with the respect to which they are entitled.

The regular Washington despatches announce that opposition is developing against the twenty-eighth and thirtieth articles of the Treaty of Washington, upon the ground that, if they are ratified, and carried into effect, they will result in transferring to British owners a monopoly of the carrying trade, because British vessels can be built and sold at much less cost than ours, and that the United States will thus virtually give up their own commerce for the barren privilege of free entry of American vessels into Canadian ports. If this statement be true, we do not see any peculiar hardship in having our goods carried at less cost by others than we can carry them ourselves, the only effect of which would be to increase the margin of our own profits. We are not accustomed to complain in this way against cheap transportation by land. Looking at the question in another light, if we cannot build and sail as cheaply as the Canadians, with all the advantages of material at our command, then reduce the taxes so that we can. The point, however, is hardly open to discussion at all, as the matter is out of our hands. The Treaty of Washington has been ratified upon our side in the manner prescribed by the Constitution, and the only parties who have any voice in the matter now are the Canadians themselves. If they fail to ratify it, the treaty drops. Under such circumstances, we fail to see how agitation of any sort can affect it in its present status.

The distillers and wholesale liquor-dealers are once more at work upon their periodical little game of raising the price of whiskey. There are now three distinct taxes on whiskey,—the tax on distilled spirits, amounting to 50 cents per gallon, the license tax on distillers according to capacity of still, and the tax on sales of spirits,—the whole amounting to about 60 cents per gallon. The whiskey men are now memorializing Congress to consolidate these three taxes in one direct tax of 75 cents per gallon. Undoubtedly, the imposition of such a tax would be a nice thing for the whiskey ring, as its immediate effect would be to raise the price of every gallon in store 15 cents, or the amount in excess of the present tax, whatever it may be, without any investment of capital upon their part. Such a direct legislation of profits for a class would, undoubtedly, be a good thing for the class, but that is not the business of legislation.

The bill for the remission of duties on building materials in the burnt district of Chicago passed the House of Representatives yesterday. It is limited in its operation to one year from the date of the fire; that is, it extends to the 10th day of October next. All building materials imported within that time will be entitled to a drawback equal to the amount of duties paid, upon the presentation of evidence that they have been actually used in the construction or repair of buildings in said burnt district. The importation must take place within the time specified, but it is not necessary that the materials should be actually used within the time.

The new Committee of Ways and Means, in the House of Representatives, has done an act which, in the choice vocabulary of the protectionists, will perhaps be styled a blow at American labor. The Committee has made a rule that, when any person appears before it asking an increase of taxation for his special benefit, there shall be no action on the application until those who are to be taxed can be heard in opposition. Such a rule as this would have probably cut off the application, which Congress voted in 1870, for an increase in the tax on eyelets and hairpins; which increased the tax on soda-ash to the grief of glass-makers, and admitted kryolite free upon the application of the Philadelphia company having a monopoly of the latter article.

CHICAGO'S HEALTH.

The City's Sanitary Condition During the Past Week.

A Total of 119 Deaths -- The Principal Causes Thereof.

Small-Pox Slightly on the Decrease—Completion of the New Hospital.

The regular weekly meeting of the Board of Health was held yesterday afternoon, Samuel Hoard, Esq., in the chair. Present, Drs. Johnson and Rauch. The report of the Sanitary Superintendent, Dr. Rauch, was received, showing the total mortality for the week ending Jan. 13 to have been 119, beside 2 premature, and 4 still births. The chief causes of death were as follows: Apoplexy, 3; brain diseases, 4; bronchitis, 4; consumption, 13; convulsions, 11; croup, 3; diphtheria, 9; scarlet fever, 8; typhoid fever, 7; old age, pneumonia, 8; small-pox, 12. There was an increase of 9 deaths over the preceding week. The greatest mortality was among children under 1 year of age, of whom 23 died; between 1 and 2, 11; between 20 and 30, 12; between 30 and 40, 12; between 50 and 60, 9. Of males there were 60, and of females, 58. The principal nativities were 40 of foreign parentage; 14 born in Chicago; 20 in the United States; 21 in Germany, and 10 in Ireland. The greatest mortality was in the Fifteenth Ward, where 22 deaths occurred, and the smallest ratio in the Twentieth Ward.

COMPARED WITH LAST WEEK.

there is an increase of 2 by brain diseases, 8 by consumption, 2 by diphtheria, 4 by typhoid fever, and 2 by old age; while there were 3 less by general debility, 5 by pneumonia, and 4 by tabes mesenterica. The number is greater than for five weeks past, as will be seen by the following figures representing the last eleven weeks: 116, 129, 119, 129, 106, 129, 113, 106, 103, 105, 119. Although the increase over last week is not very great, the death rate is higher this week, taking everything into consideration, than it has been at this season for a number of years, as in 1863 there were 58 deaths; in 1869, 76; in 1870, 98. This increase is mainly owing to the cause by small-pox, as there is nothing unusual in the cause of deaths in other respects. Infantile life and old age suffered more than last week, and the highest death rate occurred in the Fifteenth Ward, as well as the greater increase over last week; and the next higher rate in the Third, then the Twelfth, Eleventh, and the lowest in the Tenth.

SMALL-POX.

Cases of small-pox and varicloid have been reported during the past week at No. 122 South Clinton street, No. 58 Fourteenth street, No. 76 Fourteenth street, No. 298 Centre avenue Barracks, No. 46 Kroger street, No. 34 Knorr street, No. 46 Kroger street, No. 34 Knorr street, No. 42 Eagle street, No. 368 Clayton street, No. 453 Wentworth avenue, No. 128 West Taylor street, No. 9 Sangamon street, No. 440 Milwaukee avenue, No. 440 Belden avenue, No. 37 Brown street, No. 434 Cityscourse avenue, No. 129 Wentworth avenue, No. 191 Dutton street, No. 3 Bunker street, No. 3 Mesgher street, No. 1006 State street, No. 67 West Indiana street, No. 876 Michigan avenue, No. 30 Fourteenth street, No. 30 Fourteenth street, Nos. 359 and 361 Wentworth avenue, State street, south of Forty-third street, No. 670 South Union street, No. 29 Brown street, No. 1 Shall avenue, No. 394 Blue Island avenue, No. 743 South Halsted street, No. 55 Fisk street, No. 233 West Lake street, No. 1 Sheldon street, No. 440 Milwaukee avenue, No. 41 Fry street, No. 4 Cross by street, No. 37 Halsted street barracks, No. 389 South Clark street, No. 76 Fourteenth street, No. 127 Taylor street, No. 135 Shelto street, No. 35 Burlington street, No. 14 West Quincy street, No. 266 Church street, No. 199 South Halsted street, No. 415 Polk street, No. 17 Mark street, Nos. 625 and 649 South Union street.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

From the above it will be seen that there is a decrease in the number of infected houses reported for the week. The following table shows the number reported for the last three months:

Wards ending	Dec. 16.	Dec. 23.	Dec. 30.	Jan. 6.	Jan. 13.
South of Twelfth street, West Side.	13	12	17	20	17
North of Twelfth street, West Side.	12	16	13	17	15
South Division....	15	29	7	10	13
North Division....	7	5	4	6	7
Total.....	47	58	41	53	52

REMARKS.

The Sanitary Superintendent's remarks are as follows: The decrease, compared with last week, is slight, but it is reported for the first time I am able to report, but when the difficulties by which we have been surrounded are considered, in obtaining to us wards hospital accommodations, thus preventing the isolation of many cases, the crowded state of the rooms, and the fear of the people of the fire, we have reason to congratulate ourselves that there are no more, as it will be seen from the report that the number of two weeks the disease has made but little progress. Of the cases reported this week there is a larger proportion than usual in the house of many families of boarding houses, who were not protected by vaccination, and who, from their migratory habits, come in contact with the disease in the most every imaginable locality. I am sorry to be compelled to report a case in the Centre Avenue Barracks, a child who had not been vaccinated, when admitted; and another in the Halsted Street Barracks, being a woman who was well marked from a previous attack, and who begged not to be vaccinated because she had had the disease. These are the first cases that have occurred in any of the barracks in individuals who had been there some days, and I feel it my duty to record another evidence of the necessity of vaccination in all cases at this time. Other striking instances never did occur to my notice in small-pox, one is safe unless protected by recent vaccination.

DETAILS.

The facts concerning the deaths by small-pox for the week ending Jan. 13, may be found in the following table:

Date.	Street	Age.	Nativity.	Occ.	Ward.
Jan. 8—182	Clinton	25	Germany	Male	12
Jan. 8—111	Orchard	36	Germany	Male	18
Jan. 8—1	Farmer	40	Germany	Male	8
Jan. 8—196	Newberry av.	5	Germany	Male	8
Jan. 9—34	Knorr	1	Chicago	Male	16
Jan. 10—456	North av.	1	Chicago	Male	14
Jan. 10—1553	State	59	Germany	Male	3
Jan. 10—Sm.	South Clark	23	Germany	Male	12
Jan. 11—Sm.	Fox Hosp.	42	Germany	Male	—
Jan. 11—Sm.	Fox Hosp.	19	Germany	Male	—
Jan. 12—1	Canal	21	Chicago	Male	12
Jan. 13—203	First	41	Germany	Male	14

Of these, 6 had never been vaccinated, and the remainder had been vaccinated, but not recently protected for many years, as they were all middle-aged or old, and all males, with one exception.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The inspection and vaccination of the public and private schools is progressing, and will soon be completed. The vaccinations have already been performed than ever before for the same time, the daily number being about 1,400. The medical profession are very generally having it vaccinated, since the 1st of January, about 12,000. Since the 1st of November, as nearly as I can ascertain, about 25,000 persons have been vaccinated, or once performed, and every possible effort is made to protect all from the ravages of small-pox. In this work many obstacles occur, and much prejudice is encountered. The annoyances with regard to cards and hiding cases occur daily, many seeming to think that if they can only keep the existence of small-pox hidden they are all right, little appreciating that such conduct frequently involves loss of life and much suffering, while at the same time, sooner or later, the existence of the case becomes known. In fact, it is almost impossible for detection not to follow.

THE NEW SMALL-POX HOSPITAL

is now completed, and the patients are sent there yesterday for the first time. In many respects the building is much better adapted for hospital purposes than the old one. It is but due to say that the chances for life are better than in any private house in the city at this time, with persons suffering with small-pox. The prejudice existing against it by many persons is based with regard to going to an institution of this character is, to a great extent, without foundation. The detached and fifty-foot wards, the building temporarily occupied for this purpose, on Wentworth avenue, the death-rate for the last six weeks was one in five, while in the city it was one in four, and the character of the patients sent there was much worse, generally speaking, than those taken from private houses. Among those that died at the hospital there were four last week, in all probability, have lived, had they not been exposed to the severe weather we had in December, in wandering about the streets trying to find some place to be cared for. Independent of the fact that patients are better looked after than is usual in private houses, they should also bear in mind that there is less danger of infecting others, and I, therefore, believe it the duty of the Railroad and its officers for the use just complaints of such people to be served up to the great circle of Tammie readers as a ground for censure. Every hour's delay of these trains entailed serious loss to the Company; every consideration of interest was in favor of passing these trains by night, but these were waived on account of the risk of accident, the danger of passengers being snowed in between stations, away from supplies of fuel, etc., and for their safety and comfort it was wisely and humanely decided to stop the trains during the storm.

I am personally cognizant of the fact that the most prompt, energetic, and self-sacrificing efforts were made by officers and men along the line and elsewhere for the comforts of its patrons—thousands of men were engaged in shovelling; nearly $30,000 expended for provisions, and every train furnished with fuel, road, and every passenger train furnished with fuel, extra days' supply of flour, sardines, oysters, crackers, coffee, and milk for the generous distribution, in case of detention, and in many cases of poverty, also, was kindly furnished by the company. That these labors and expenditures in behalf of the benighted passengers were appreciated by most of them, is shown by the following sample of many similar voluntary testimonials received from the passengers themselves. Take the following:

We, the undersigned, passengers on board the four o'clock train, leaving Chicago on the Union Pacific Railroad, most cheerfully testify that it has been adopted by the most efficient measures that have been adopted to overcome the extreme difficulties constantly presented. The storms have been of such severity that, during their continuance, little or no progress could be made in the track from the immense drifts, that constantly obstructed the progress—the snow so solid that only the pick, axe, and shovel were available to, in many cases, clear the track. We would further tender our sincere thanks to Mr. Frank Read, Superintendent of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, among whom we have received many courtesies, Sickler, and especially Assistant Superintendent S. H. Clark, and Mr. Stevens, Superintendent of the car department, who were on the ground, and have worked night and day in removing obstructions, doing everything in their power to promote the comfort of all on board. A. A. Sargent, Mrs. M. O. Sargent, Mrs. J. F. Stewart, M. R. Byron, Miss M. L. Day, O. S. Hopkins, Frank Read, Alex. Penney, C. F. Hager, M. H. Graves, Daniel D. Martyn, Wm. Rae, Neil J. C. Rae, Miss Rae, Miss Jessie Rae, Sergeant, Grace F. Reed, Susan B. Anthony, Theo. Lothbey, Thos. O. Drake, George Brand, Mattie Hedderson, Mrs. J. A. Hedderson, Mrs. Hugh McEntyre, Mrs. Hugh McEntyre, Mrs. Phillmore, Alex. Hilton, Mrs. Edward Parry, J. J. Graves, and many others.

It is predicted that we are at the end of serious interruptions and delays for the winter, and we hope the result of the storms will stand without fear in the future.

M. L. T.

—The Franklin (Ky.) *Patriot* says: "Young Wade went into the basement of the Baptist Church, on Christmas night, to get some chairs to carry above, and unexpectedly found young Osborne dressed as Santa Claus, ready at the proper time to go above and distribute the presents to the anxious children. Wade, becoming frightened at the strange appearances of the children's friend, struck Santa over the head with a stake, cutting an ugly gash over his eye."

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Dead Head Cork Leg—Swamp Land Titles—Bridge at Polos—The Heating and Engineering Question—Opening of Bids.

Pursuant to adjournment, the County Commissioners met yesterday afternoon, President Julius White in the chair. There were also present the following Commissioners: Harris, Hertz, Jones, Pahlman, Skelly, Sherar.

BARELY A QUORUM.

The Chair declared that a bare quorum was present, but added that business of the greatest importance was coming up in the form of bids. He left it with the Board (or such portion of the Board as was present) to determine whether they should proceed with the business of the day or adjourn.

Commissioner Harris moved to take a recess for 10 minutes, which motion prevailing, a recess was taken during which Commissioners Ashton, Crawford, Lonergan, and Roelle straggled in in inverse order, and finally Commissioner Harrison.

There came in also a large number of gentlemen who appeared considerably interested, and filled the lobby.

DEDUCTIONS FOR INSANE PATIENTS.

A communication was received from Dr. Miller, asking for the consideration of a item in the incoming report of the Insane Asylum, none of the clothing hitherto worn by patients having heretofore been ironed.

It was referred to the Committee on Poor House and Paupers.

DEAD-DEAD CORK LEG.

An application from William Gehring, who lost his leg by a railroad accident on the Pittsburgh & Fort Wayne Railroad, for a cork leg, was read.

Commissioner Lonergan moved to appropriate $80 for that purpose.

Commissioner Herting moved to refer it to Dr. Miller, with power to act.

The motion was unanimously agreed to.

A communication was received from Henry Bertram, of Blue Island, asking for an abstract of title to swamp lands, to be paid for out of the money paid by the petitioner for the lands.

Commissioner White, Commissioner Crawford in the chair, moved that the action of the Board in instructing the Clerk to give abstracts to Mr. Gunther and Mr. McCaffrey, be rescinded. It was so ordered.

The Clerk was instructed to procure one abstract and give certified copies to the purchasers.

WASTED TIME.

A communication from Hartwell Brothers, stating that there was in balance due them from the county of $1,000 on a contract with the Board of Supervisors, in 1869, was promptly laid on the table.

The vote was reconsidered immediately.

The Chair stated that there was a suit pending against the county.

After an absurd amount of filibustering on the part of Commissioner Ashton and others, it was referred to the Committee on Judiciary. It was laid on the table, and three-quarters of an hour was thus wasted, as Commissioner Skelly justly remarked.

BRIDGE AT PALOS.

A petition from twenty-two gentlemen of the town of Palos, asking for a bridge across the river at Willow Spring, was referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

FREE PASS WANTED.

A communication was read from Charles Moran asking for free transportation to New York, on the plea that he lost his leg at the first battle of Bull Run.

A motion was made to refer it to Dr. Miller.

Dr. Miller didn't want to have anything to do with him.

Charles Moran attempted to debate the question.

Commissioner Harris said the County Agent told him that Mr. Charles Moran had had a pass to New York, and had spent it in the street, and the proceeds swallowed in whiskey.

Mr. Charles Moran again objected, but was quieted with an assurance that he would be removed.

The communication was referred to Dr. Miller.

Mr. Moran. Gentlemen, may I speak? (Commissioner Crawford in the chair). No, sir.

Mr. Charles Moran. Thank you, sir.

THE HEATING AND ENGINEERING QUESTION.

A Commissioner offered the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be required to advertise for proposals for heating and the running of the engineering and heating apparatus of the Insane Asylum and Poor House, Court House, and Criminal Jail, and Bridewell, and all the supplies whatever; the Board reserving the right to reject any and all bids, said proposals to relate and have reference to all existing contracts.

It was adopted.

NO CHANCE TO PLEAD IGNORANCE.

Commissioner Skelly offered the following:

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be instructed to have printed 100 copies the resolutions passed by the Board in full, relating to fees, salaries, and bills, and shall cause a copy to be delivered to every officer and employe of the county whose duties are affected thereby.

It was adopted.

THE MINUTES.

Commissioner White moved to suspend all business for the purpose of taking up the bids for supplies, which were technically to be opened, and to take up this important business and dispose of it.

The motion was agreed to.

The Clerk then took from the bids, on motion, and read them to the Board.

There were two drawers full of bids, besides boxes and packages.

During the reading, Commissioner White moved that when the Board adjourn it be until Thursday at 10 o'clock, A. M., and that the various committees to whom the bids were to be referred,—namely a joint committee composed of the Committee on Finance, Poor House and House and Paupers and Jail and Jail Accounts, —time to examine them, and call in experts to settle them.

Commissioner Skelly opposed it.

The Clerk said he had, at the least calculation, 120 bids and samples on hand.

Commissioner Lonergan moved to amend the motion by making the date to which the Board adjourn, Monday in place of Thursday.

Commissioner Ashton, unable to let anything be done without a share in it, continued to raise objections until Commissioner White withdrew his motion.

The Board continued to hear bids read till night spread her sable mantle around things mundane, when they adjourned to meet to-day.

THE U. P. R. R. SNOW BLOCKADE.

Statement of One of the Managers of the Road—Why the Trains were Side-Tracked Over Night—Efforts of the Company to Provide for the Comfort and Safety of their Passengers.

The recent snow blockade for three weeks, on the Union Pacific Railway, has attracted very general attention. A week ago, we published a column of matter in relation to the delays of the trains, and the experience of the passengers. A gentleman whose sources of information are ample, and in whose judgment we have confidence, makes the following observations upon the statements of the passengers whose version of the blockade we published:

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: In the TRIBUNE of the 9th inst. that one of your reporters has written up an amusing account of the experience of one of the passengers on the Pacific coast, in which he manages to make the few grumblers in that party appear to speak the sentiments of the thirty-five hundred souls on the Union Pacific Railway who had in hand the work of breaking the snow blockade. Such a blockade of snow-plows is sheer nonsense, as the equipment of them was ample for any emergency. But the truth is, that it was practically of little value, as the snow was swept into the cuts with the force of a hurricane, and instantly packed so firmly that nothing but pick and shovel, wielded by strong arms, could remove it. At some points these cuts were from thirty feet deep. A large amount of snow-fall, width of range, duration, and fury of the storm, it is without a parallel in the memory of the "oldest inhabitant." Coming so early in the season, as it did, the winter preparations were not completed, but to censure the officers of the road in this case would be as unjust as to blame the Central Pacific managers for not foreseeing or preparing for the unprecedented and tremendous floods that overwhelmed their road in the Sacramento Valley. The complaints made of keeping the passenger trains side-tracked at night comes from the natural spleen of the few impatient and unreasonable passengers to be found on every train, and it may also bear in mind that there is less danger of infecting others, and I, therefore, believe it the duty of the Railroad and its officers for the use just complaints of such people to be served up to the great circle of Tammie readers as a ground for censure. Every hour's delay of these trains entailed serious loss to the Company; every consideration of interest was in favor of passing these trains by night, but these were waived on account of the risk of accident, the danger of passengers being snowed in between stations, away from supplies of fuel, etc., and for their safety and comfort it was wisely and humanely decided to stop the trains during the storm.

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FISK AND JOSIE.

Their Correspondence in Full, as Published at New York.

Playful, Passionate, Poetical, Pitiless, and Penitent.

Gushing, Glowing, Gloating, and Grieving.

The Award of Clarence A. Seward in the Matter of Stokes vs. Fisk.

From the New York Herald, Jan. 14.

The letters commence by a note written by Fisk when Josie lived in Lexington avenue, and she is visiting card, as follows:

Miss. JOSIE LAWLOR, 42 Lexington avenue:

Come. Will you come over with Fred, and stay with me? If your friends are there, bring them along. Yours, truly, J. F., Jr.

Have not heard from you, as you promised.

On the back of the card was the following:

Come. Fred is at the door. My room, 8 o'clock. After dinner good books. I found Mrs. Chamberlain. The understanding is now that yourself and Miss Land are to go with me, say at half-past 9 o'clock, and the above gentleman is to meet at it 8 o'clock, as he has some matters to attend to which will take him until that time. Answer this if you will be ready by half-past 9 o'clock. Yours truly. JAMES FISK, Jr.

JOSIE SPREADS HERSELF.

After Fisk began to furnish Josie with money, away back in 1868, she began to ride out in great style. One day she came into the Opera House in magnificent apparel, to the astonishment of the employes.

The next day Fisk wrote the following scolding note on his visiting card:

Strange you should make any offer, or the visit-ity, the scrze for a "personal." You must be aware that harm came to me in such foolish vanity, and those that could do it care but little for the interest of the writer of this. Yours, truly, JAMES FISK, Jr.

In January, 1868, Fisk seemed to be in a Pickwickian mood, for he came the "chops and tomato sauce" in the following laconic:

FIFTH AVENUE HOTEL.

DOLLY: Enclosed find money. Bully morning for a funeral! J. F., Jr.

Here comes a fishy despatch, characteristic of the Colonel:

DEAR JOSIE: Get ready and come to the Twenty-third street entrance of the hotel and take me down town, and then you can come back and get the girls for the Fulton dinner to-day. Yours truly. GARDINER.

It seems Josie was going off on a journey, and Fisk provides for her like a devoted lover:

DOLLY: The baggage sleigh will call at 1 o'clock, and you can leave in my charge what you see fit. You have no time to lose. J. F., Jr.

Then comes a sober note from J. Fisk, through J. C. (John Corner), Fisk's private secretary:

MY DEAR DOLLY: Will you see me this morning? If so, what hour? Yours truly, JAMES.

How like a good husband did Fisk notify Dolly of his comings and goings! As a very married man in New York was kind as Fisk was to his "Dolly," how happy the world would be! Here comes a telegram from Worcester, Mass:

Western Union Telegraph Company.

WORCESTER, Mass.

(Received at Thirtieth street, Feb. 17, 1870.)

To H. J. Mansfield. No. 359 West Twenty-third street:

On the 8 o'clock train from Boston. Shall be in New York at 12. J. F., JR.

(In U. C.)

What a nice apology for not coming to dinner is here sent! Generous Fisk!

10TH OF MARCH.

DEAR DOLLY: Enclosed find $75, which you send; do not wait dinner for me to-night; I cannot come. Yours truly, J. F., Jr.

A LOVE QUARREL—THE SORROWFUL SEPARATION.

Josie seemed now enthroned in Fisk's affections. That he loved her was plain to all. But she did not satisfy her. She saw her charms slowly fading, and, though she had a present competency, who was to take care of her in the far future? What if, by-and-by, Fisk should tire of her! These were the serious questions which filled her mind, and she was continually importuning Fisk to settle something on her to make her independent. This Fisk refused. He saw her giving away his money and taking the credit of generosity—to herself. He saw that money was the secret of her love for him, so he chose to hold the money in his own hands. Perhaps Josie thought so, too, for she began to write letters to Fisk, and to leave him. Several times she said she would go on with Stokes if Fisk didn't endow her with a life competency.

On the 20th of January, 1870, Josie made a big row, and declared she would leave Fisk if he didn't make over to her a competency for life. Fisk refused. The next day Josie wrote him a threatening letter, saying their love affair was ended. Fisk received it with scorn, and then replied:

SUNDAY EVENING, Feb. 11, 1870.

MY DEAR JOSIE: I received your letter. It now does not surprise me much. You alone sought the issue and the reward will belong to you. I cannot allow you to depart believing yourself what you write and what you say you know you know full well, that all the differences which have been settled by a kiss in the right spirit, and that is the spirit in which I have regarded you out of memory of the great love you have borne for you. I never was aware that you adopted such views. I have many—God knows, too many—and that has brought me the trouble of the day. I will not speak of the future, for full well I know that the spirits you take it in. "You never see" and the instincts of your heart will bring you out in the right scale. I will give you no reason for this letter. You have been unshackled in that and can tell chaf from wheat. Your sensibilities are strong to-night as the human mind is capable of being. You can see in the right way to think of me; and from what I say by day, I hope any comparison which you may make between the future will be favorable for me. A longer letter from me might be open of an advertisement of my weakness. And the great love I would impress on your mind is how wrong you are when you say that I have grown tired of you." Wrong, wrong! Never deceive yourself so that in after years, you try to teach your heart that, for it is a lie, and you are falsifying yourself to your own soul. You are like the Arabs, we will fold our tents and quietly steal away, and where we pitch next we hope it will be where the "wood-bird" can sing, over the river Jordan, on the bright and beautiful banks of heaven. From yours, ever, JAMES.

TOGETHER AGAIN.

In a few days after Fisk wrote the last letter "Josie" sent for him; then she went to see him, and soon the trouble was all made up again. Four months afterward we find Fisk enclosing her money and sending such letters as these:

MY DEAR JOSIE: Enclosed find your request. I will send to the Fifth Avenue for the linings. cannot go to the house, as much as I would like to. Yours, JAMES.

MAY 5, 1870.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, ERIE RAILWAY COMPANY, NEW YORK, May, 1870.

DOLLY: What do you think of this man? told him you would talk to him, and then tell him to come back to me next Monday, and I will talk to you about it. Yours, ever, JAMES.

Who the man was we do not know.

Now comes in some seemingly irrelevant matter. Who John S. Williams is we do not know, and W. Wilkins is a mystery to us; but, perhaps, Stokes knew what it meant when he put the telegrams with the other letters:

ERIE RAILROAD TELEGRAPH,
NEW YORK, April 26, 1870.

To Jos. Fisk, Jr.:

John S. Williams, colored, is here without tickets or money. He has letters from our agent at San Francisco, Mr. A. J. Day; E. S. Spencer at Omaha. Advise me what to do. He wants to leave on (4:45) to-morrow. A. J. DAY,
per A. McGeddis, Ticket Agent.

(Answered, Sheridan.)

ERIE RAILROAD TELEGRAPH,
NEW YORK, April 26, 1870.

To A. J. Day, Chicago:

Send John S. Williams through on my account. JAMES FISK, Jr.

(9—)

(Written in lead pencil by J. F. Jr.)

W. Wilkins should be here in thirty hours from Chicago, when he will be directed to your house. Yours truly, J. F., Jr.

THE BIG DIAMOND PIN.

It seems that Fisk trusted his $18,000 diamond pin with Josie, for he thus affectionately sends for it:

C. OFFICE, May 31, 1870.

Please send me the diamond broach and neck-lace, my dear.

JAMES.

It seems that Fisk began to grow cold about this time. Montaland had arrived from Paris, and the Prince of Erie was paying court to her. It was all fair—Josie had Stokes and Fisk had Montaland. This letter is full of heartfelt regret:

AUGUST 1, 1870.

MY DEAR JOSIE: I send you a letter I found in my care on my desk. I cannot come to you to-night. I shall stay in town to-night, and probably to-morrow night and after that I must go East. On my return I shall come and see you. I am sure you will say, "What a fool!" But you must rest and so must I. The thread is so slender I dare not strain it more. I am sore, but God made me so, and I have not the power to change it.

Loving Pet, as *none but you*, I am, yours ever.

JAMES.

STOKES AND A PLOTTING HOUSE.

In the quarrel between Josie and Fisk Miss Nully Pieris, Mr. Rane and Stokes seem to have been suspected by Fisk of plotting against him. He thus complains of a despatch which "Rane" sent to Stokes, they were at Saratoga or Buffalo, to come to New York:—

AUGUST, 4, 1870.

DEAR JOSIE: I found on my arrival at my office that the following despatch had passed West last night:—

E. S. Stokes, Buffalo and Saratoga Springs:—

Pay no attention to former despatch. Come on first train. RANE.

Of course *it means* nothing that *you are aware of*. But let me give you the author of it and my authority, and you will see how faithfully they have worked the case out after my departure last evening. Miss Pieris drove immediately to Rane's office; from there to the corner of Twenty-second street and Broadway, where the above despatch was sent, and from there to Ridley's. Several parties were with them, but who left them there? Rane and Pieris, why should they need Stokes? "Comment is unnecessary." A plotting house, and against me. What have "I done" that Nully Pieris should work against my peace of mind. Yours, truly, JAMES.

JOSIE DESERTS FISK.

Josie now deserted Fisk because he would not give her a life competency, and linked her destinies with Stokes. Notwithstanding Fisk pays bills and generously furnishes Josie with money.

AUGUST 1, 1870.

Enclosed you will find $400 for your little matters. You told me when I saw you last you would send me your bills, which I would be pleased to receive, as then they shall have my attention at once. Your letter would require a little time to prepare a right answer to, so I will answer it more fully by to-morrow, when I can look it more carefully over. I am very happy to know that you have acted from no impulse in leaving me, but that it was a long matured plan. I hope you have made no mistake. Yours truly, ever,

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JOSIE DESERTS FISK.

Josie now deserted Fisk because he would not give her a life competency, and linked her destinies with Stokes. Notwithstanding Fisk pays bills and generously furnishes Josie with money.

AUGUST 1, 1870.

Enclosed you will find $400 for your little matters. You told me when I saw you last you would send me your bills, which I would be pleased to receive, as then they shall have my attention at once. Your letter would require a little time to prepare a right answer to, so I will answer it more fully by to-morrow, when I can look it more carefully over. I am very happy to know that you have acted from no impulse in leaving me, but that it was a long matured plan. I hope you have made no mistake. Yours truly, ever,

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FISK TO JOSIE AGAIN.

On the 4th of October, Fisk wrote to Josie again, relative to the $25,000 which she wanted from him. He also mentions Stokes as the "fair" in Mrs. Williams' weak element, &c. "Elsa" is Mrs. Williams:

NEW YORK, Oct. 4, 1870.

After the departure of Elsa to-day, I waited time enough to write once more the letter of which she was the bearer from you to me, and I determined to reply to it, for the reason that if it remained unanswered, you might possibly think I did not fully mean what I said when I wrote; and, besides, I was apprehensive that the friendly talk carried on through Elsa, at second hand, from you to me, might lead you to suppose I had somewhat repented of the course I had taken, or of the words I had penned. I do not believe any such impression that I again write to you, as I would have the language of my former letter and the sentiments expressed, as I assure you, upon your heart as my deep-seated opinion of your character. No other construction must be put upon my words. I mean what I say in my last letter; I pass over the kind words you have written; have I not furnished satisfactory manifestation of the element of your being to say three weeks ago, at five minutes to 11 o'clock.

You need have no fear as to my sensitiveness regarding your calling on any one else for assistance, as I find the word "*assistance*" underlined in your letter to make it more impressive on my mind. The thought of all others in the point I would have you reach; for in that you would say, "Why, man, how beautiful you are to look at, but nothing to lean upon." And you may rest upon my surprise at your selection of the element you have chosen to fill my places (Stokes). I was astonished at the phenomenon which he has exercised to our people at one-half their values, and undoubtedly if this were not so the money would have been turned over to you, that you might feel contented as to the permanency of your affairs. You will, therefore, excuse me if I decline your modest request for a still further disbursement. I have, as I think, already done my part of this amount might be used to release from the pound the property of others in whose welfare the writer of this does not feel unbounded interest.

You say that you hope I will take the sense of your letter, but one sense is to be taken out of it, and that is an "epitaph," to be cut on the stone at the head of the grave in which Miss Helen Josephine Mansfield is to be buried. Had she been the same proud-spirited girl that she was when she stood side by side with me—the one possessing the throne—she would not have humbled herself to ask a permanency of one she had so deeply wronged, nor would she stoop to be indebted to him for a home which would have furnished a haven of rest, pleasure, and debauchery without cost to those who had crossed his path and robbed him of the friendship he once felt. The length of time since I had seen her and the kind words she spoke left my mind ill-prepared for the reception of your letter at that time, and it was not until after the departure, when I was seated quietly alone, that I took in the full import and meaning of your letter, and felt that it was "robbery," and nothing else. Now, upon this letter to the other. The front of this is the back of that, and you will have a telescopic view of your self and your surroundings. I cease to be to-day; and then I ask you to turn back from pages of your life's history, counting each page one week of your life, and see how it looked to thee then, and ask your own guilty heart if you had not better let me alone; and instead of directing my attention at once to your disorganized brain, or writing from the dictation of those around you to day, simply take a piece of paper and write on it like a demand," I do not care as far as we are now, ever may be, "Dust to dust, ashes to ashes, Amen." J. F., Jr.

A little difference of opinion arose as to bills. Fisk maintained that after Josie left him and went with Stokes that Stokes ought so pay the bills, and Fisk thus writes to Josie:

(J. F., Jr.) [Monogram.]

OCT. 19, 1870.

MADAME: Enclosed I send you bill of Harris receipted, and also beg to hand you $126.29, being the honest proportion of the Bassford bill which belongs to me to pay. I should have made the word "honest" more definite, for had not Mr. Bassford to put the dates to the bill, as he had received instructions from Miss Mansfield to have the bill all under the date of June 8, 1870, although it is not true, and I am sorry a board bill for you or your agent, was spent at a much later date. I should not suppose you would care to have Mansfield's bills to pay, and I am sure knowing as I do the instructions that you gave Mr. Bassford. I had supposed you "honest," but I find that a trace of that virtue does not accompany you. I am, yours, J. F., Jr.

FISK'S LOVE FOR JOSIE.

Fisk's love for Josie at one time amounted to worship. It was hard for him to kill it, and day after day he used to spend many hours at her. Here is another letter similar to the last:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
NEW YORK, Oct. 20, 1870.

MADAM: You know I would not wrong you, and I would take back all my acts when there could be a shadow of doubt that you was false, and I was wrong; and let me speak of the other harsh letters I have written. I wrote them because I thought you had wronged me positively, because you had placed between me and my life, my hope, and my happiness, an eternal gulf, and I felt acutely, exceptional, as I do, in the instances I am now the same. It would be idle for me to write aught about them, or about us, when I could not be with you there. You did not listen. I presume it to be the same now. The entire connection is like a dream to me, a fearful dream, from which I have awoke, and, while dreaming, supposed my mind had gone out, and the awakening tells me I am saved, and from the embers of the late fire, there smoulders no spirit of revenge toward you for your fancied right, and the *wrong* only came to me from you because you did not act sooner, and I would not believe that any power on earth would make any question of money influence me or come between me and the holy feeling I once had for you. I sent John to Bassford's, and they told him what I said, or he told me so, that you left word that the dates of the bill should not be changed. Just what does it matter whether it is so or not? I *cannot feel* that you would do it, and something says to me, this was one of the things to be done by me. I pass it by, and if the letters of last night or to-day were not like me you can wash the bad act out from your memory, and I have but one idea that I want to do my duty and fulfil every unsettled relic. At least in my heart rests no remorse, for the memory is too deeply seated, and I would cherish all that is connected with you, and forget forever the bad. If you have thought differently from me (this may be imaginary on my part), for which I think you give me the credit you can. We have parted *forever*. Now, let us make the memory of the past as bright and beautiful as we can; for on my part I have nothing but a dear recollection of it with you, and I must meet things carefully. Perhaps might suppose you could love two and, perhaps, might suppose you could love two and, perhaps, might suppose you could love two and, perhaps,

NEW YORK.

Additional Testimony Taken by the Custom House Investigating Committee.

Daily Review of the Leading Markets.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MONEY.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Money was very easy to-day, the ruling rates being 5 to 6 per cent, but as low as 4 per cent being at one time asked. The supply of money is rapidly increasing at this point, and first-class borrowers are pressed very hard by the banks to take money. Prime business notes are quoted at 7 to 10 per cent.

GOVERNMENT BONDS.

were dull, but steady. The *Tribune* had an article this morning asserting that the report that the Rothschilds have offered, to take a portion of the new loan is false and without foundation; but this is in the face of positive assurances by Jay Cooke touching the financial editor of the *Evening Post* that the statement is true.

PACIFIC RAILROAD SECURITIES.

Central Pacific bonds closed at 102½ to 103, and Unions at 93½ to 94 for firsts; 83½ to 84 for land grants, 85¾ to 86½ for incomes, and 33½ to 39½ for stocks.

GOLD.

opened at 108¾, and advanced to 109, but the improvement was lost at the close, and the market fell off to 108¾. The rates for carrying were 6¾, 7, 5, 6, 5, and 3 per cent. The suspension of the firm of Gould, Strong & Co., gold and stock brokers, was announced. They were on the bear side in gold.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

was quiet at 109¾ to 109½ for prime banker's sixty days sterling, 109 for second grade, and 108½ to 108¾ for commercial bills.

STOCKS

were irregular, but in the afternoon the market was strong, with Northwestern, Wabash, Union Pacific, Ohios, and Pacific Mail in the advancing movement. The Pacific Mail was favorably affected by the bill introduced in Congress to double the Chinese service and subsidy. The European steamer brought a liberal supply of the Northwestern preferred shares, and the owner in the stock was not renewed to-day. The early loans in the stock were at ¼ to 1 per cent *per diem* for borrowing, but finally as high as 7 per cent was paid to have it carried.

BREADSTUFFS.

The inquiry for flour was rather more general, and holders of the low grades were firm. The market for all grades was better at the close, with a good demand for the West Indies, and fair for the British Provinces. Orders in wheat were firm. There was more inquiry for milling, and a fair demand for export. Spring was the most sought after. Corn was freely offered. With a limited export and moderate Eastern demand, prices declined in buyers' favor.

[To the Associated Press.]

THE CUSTOM HOUSE INVESTIGATION.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—At the Custom House investigation, this morning, affidavits from the Appraiser were received in disproof of the charge that a case belonging to H. B. Claflin & Co. was robbed while in his department. A letter was read from John Jacob Rabmeau, stating that, for having fearlessly testified before Patterson's investigating Committee, he had been informed that he was to be removed from his Inspectorship. He also learned that he had been reported for refusing a bribe and for being a witness in favor of extra services. It was decided to hold night sessions hereafter, at the Fifth Avenue Hotel.

H. B. Claflin testified that he had no fault to find with the seizure business, and had no personal knowledge of the case of which many complaints were made. Petroleum paid him the notice, stating at the time that he was one of the most efficient officers and best republicans that he knew, and that no charge was made against him.

Q. Whose influence was brought to bear on Grinnell to remove you?

A. I suppose the President's, as I was informed.

Q. Do you know of other instances of the public interest being so set aside?

A. I can recollect several others removed about the same time from similar causes.

Witness said he was President of the Twenty-first District Republican Association. He refused to appoint persons designated by Murphy as Inspectors at elections for District and County Conventions.

The Committee then adjourned, to meet next at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, where they will hold day and night sessions.

NEW YORK CENTRAL TAX.

Commissioner of the Revenue, Douglas, has notified the Controller of Commissioners concerning the New York Central scrip, that unless they render a report by the 20th inst. he shall order its immediate collection. The conveyance of the question at issue will be settled hereafter.

MUNICIPAL REFORM.

It is reported that Charles O'Connor has decided to break up the Bureau of Municipal Correction, considering it proper that further proceedings against the municipal robbers be conducted by the Republican Attorney-General, Barlow.

SUIT TERMINATED.

The Heath-Raphael suit against Erie has terminated by mailing the remaining 12,735 shares to England.

STOKES' CASE.

Though Stokes will be arraigned on Thursday, the case is unlikely to be tried until the next term of court, beginning in February.

SAVINGS BANK RUN.

The run on the Third Avenue Savings Bank still continues.

LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY'S SUSPENSION.

Cable advices say that the European Life Assurance Company will be wound up.

MUTINY.

The crew of the Prussian bark Bertha have been arrested for mutiny in refusing to do duty unless they received spending money and shore leave. They will await the requisition of the Prussian Consul.

OFFICERS RESISTED.

The United States Deputy Marshals were to-day resisted by one Dennis, a boarding-house keeper, and others, in an effort to arrest a number of deserting sailors from the Swedish bark Maria Magnus. The officers were repeatedly struck with clubs and bottles and only succeeded in arresting the deserters upon the production of revolvers.

HENNAN.

John C. Heenan has just returned from London, and reports his declining the challenge in any manner with the Ring frauds. It is certain that the report which was circulated soon after Heenan's departure, that any challenge from him had been found against him was without foundation.

THE FIRE MURDER—HOTEL BILL.

Mr. Powers, proprietor of the Grand Central Hotel, states that he has never made out or presented a bill against the estate of James Fisk, Jr., for expenses incurred at the time he was shot. The subject of charges was casually mentioned, to a gentleman who called on behalf of Mrs. Fisk, to obtain articles belonging to Colonel Fisk, and the question was asked if he considered $5,000 too much in view of the fact that Fisk's friends had taken possession of the hotel during the time he remained there, and all the private parties on the first floor were made free, and furnished to large number of friends, and considerable money paid out at the office for various purposes. The gentleman promised to call the next day, but failed to do so. Mr. Powers says he has not determined upon the amount of the bill, but the charge will be only the actual cash paid out.

A BOWING CHALLENGE.

Barnard and Biglin have challenged the Eagle four-oared crew which won the championship to come to this country and contend for $2,000. William Hosmer, of the Atalanta, the English crew, if Biglin's crew will go to England they will be matched for the same amount.

LOUISIANA.

The New Orleans Imbroglio Drug Out—Another Unsuccessful Application for Military Interference.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 16.—The Civil-Military-Legislative-Political faction farce continues unchanged, except that Governor Kellogg's Metropolitans occupy the approach to the State House as usual.

In the Senate, there was no quorum. This announcement caused the Warmouthites' stock, which went up yesterday like a rocket, to come down with equal velocity. The House was boisterous and disorderly.

The Legislature of the Carterite members seems to have spent their forty days chiefly in putting in an appearance in force to-day.

Grant's refusal to interfere gives very general satisfaction.

General T. H. Herron, formerly United States Marshal, afterwards a State Tax Collector, and now Warmoth's Secretary of State, and one of his advisers, who recently emerged from the Bankrupt Court leaving his creditors minus about $600,000, including claims of the United States for $100,000, borrowed his career. Last week he gave the State Treasurer a check for $6,000, in settlement of his account as Tax Collector. The check was not honored when presented. The bank officers reported no funds. This little irregularity is still unadjusted.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The President received a telegram from Governor Warmouth last night, transmitting a resolution passed by the Legislature requesting the President to place the military forces in the vicinity of New Orleans at the disposal of the Governor. The latter therefore asked that the request of the Legislature be complied with. The President referred the telegram with instructions to Attorney General Williams, who forwarded the following reply:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.

To His Excellency Governor Warmouth, Governor of Louisiana:

SIR: The President has referred to me to your despatch of this date, representing that the Legislature of Louisiana has asked to have the military forces of the United States placed at your disposal to preserve the public peace, etc. There is a contest as to the legality of the election of Lieutenant Governor, and also as to the existence of the lower branch of the Legislature, despatches having been received here from two persons, each claiming to be Speaker thereof, and the President does not feel that he would be justified in deciding those questions at this time and under the existing circumstances, and is unwilling to interfere in State matters, when the military force of the Government, except in a clear case of legal right and overruling necessity.

Respectfully your obedient servant,

WILLIAMS, Attorney General.

A despatch was read from New Orleans to-day, stating that in view of the repeal of the obnoxious laws by the Legislature, rejected, it is hoped that harmony will be restored.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 16.—Mat. Logan, of the firm of Logan & Patterson, shot and killed Clarence Johnson, in an altercation this afternoon.

ILLINOIS.

Annual Meeting of the Northwestern Dairymen's Association at Elgin.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ELGIN, Ill., Jan. 16.—The annual meeting of the Northwestern Dairymen's Association opened to-day in the Methodist Church, this town. This forenoon, president, presiding. The attendance was quite large for the first day, and considerable interest is being manifested.

This afternoon, the subject for discussion was the feeding and foddering of dairy cattle, and the speeches were very interesting.

Several agricultural machines are present, and a letter was received this afternoon from Governor Seymour, expressing his regret at not being able to attend.

Mr. Morrow, of the *Western Farmer*, lectures to-night, and a large attendance is expected to-morrow.

PACIFIC COAST.

What is Said of the Japanese Embassy.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 16.—The storm is over, but the weather is warm and the rivers are higher. Knight's Landing is flooded.

One of the Japanese princesses destined for Vassar College is exquisitely beautiful, and will make a sensation.

The Embassy and suite, including the Prime Minister, have arrived here in outlandish English ready-made garments of all styles since the flood, which they have already discarded for the most fashionable clothing obtainable here. The Prime Minister adheres to his native costume of richly embroidered satin. The crowds on the ferry and navy and naval officers has been going on all day. The citizens manifest respect, but no enlightened and offensive curiosity is manifested.

The Wharton Trial.

ANNAPOLIS, Jan. 16.—Professor Aiken was again before the court at the Wharton trial, to-day, and explained his method of medical analysis.

Other physicians gave their testimony, going to show that Ketchum had not died of cerebro-spinal meningitis.

Much of the evidence adduced to-day was simply a defense of the chemists, and laudatory of their professional skill.

After this evidence, the Court announced that the argument of counsel was about to commence, and inquired if counsel were ready to proceed, in approbat or disapprobation, in any manner whatever, would be permitted. They were cautioned against any exhibition of feeling.

Mr. Revell, State's Attorney Revell rose, and commenced the opening argument of the case.

Mr. Revell continued his arguments until 2 o'clock, when the Court adjourned.

Telegraphic Brevities.

The Grand Duke Alexis and suite arrived at North Platte yesterday afternoon, and started for Denver at 9 o'clock last night.

A number of prominent Mormons left Ogden yesterday for Washington to endeavor to induce Congress to admit Utah as a State.

Watertown (Mass.) Live Stock Market.

WATERTOWN, Mass., Jan. 16.—Head Cattle—Receipts, 629. Market irregular; prices advanced 50@½c per lb. Sales of choice at $16.50; extra, $15.50@16.25; first quality, $8.50@9.25; second, $7.50@8.25; third, $6.00@7.00.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 6,412. Demand fair at previous prices. Sales in lots at $5.25@5.00 each; extra, $6.50@8.50.

Philadelphia Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 16.—BREADSTUFFS—Flour easier, but not quotably lower. Wheat dull; Pennsylvania and Western red, $1.37@1.54; Rye, 90c. Corn dull and drooping; new yellow, 66@67c. Oats steady at 52@55c.

PROVISIONS—Dull. Pork nominal; $14.50. Lard 9½c.

WHISKEY—95c.

Cleveland Market.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 16.—BREADSTUFFS—Wheat was active and higher; No. 1 red, $1.42@1.50; No. 2, $1.40@1.41. Corn and oats quiet and unchanged.

PETROLEUM—Refined quiet, and held at 30½@31c for large lots; 31½@32c for trade lots. Crude, $4.50@4.85.

—The Kalamazoo *Telegraph* says: "It is said that a lady in this city, of much experience, is engaged in preparing blank projects for the use of ladies during leap-year. These contain the desired amount of devotion and flattery, are neatly worded, and only require to be dated and addressed. In desperate cases they can be sent off at the rate of fifteen an hour, and in a week's steady employment in this way will secure husbands for those who have never before had any beaux. Young and good-looking girls should not send a second proposal until the first is answered, otherwise the result may be embarrassing."

—The *New York Sunday* are making a good thing of it by selling pictures of J. Wilkes Booth for Stokes, the assassin of Jim Fisk. Booth, in the assassination of Lincoln, seemed to have a conscientious (and he was) to atone immortal regard for the deed. That renown should now take the shape of figurine as the cheap and ready material representative of all the genteel-looking assassins of the future, just as the pistol, the dirk, the pirate, has done duty for many years to represent the heavy villain in each new horror

THE FIELD AND STABLE.

Spavin—Its Causes—Differences.

What Can Be Done Against Spavin—Prevention.

From Our Special Correspondent.

MANHATTAN, Kan., Jan. 12.

SPAVIN.

FORT HARKER, Kan., Jan. 1.

VETERINARIAN—SIR: I have a fine 8-year old gelding which has a bone-spavin a little above the centre of the gambrel-joint, with the appearance of thoroughpin. I wish to get the lameness cured. Any information given will be gladly received. I will look for answer through THE TRIBUNE. Yours truly, W. H. SAGE.

Answer to W. H. Sage, and to Geo. W. McKinsey, who also inquires about Spavin.—Inquiries about spavin have been answered repeatedly in these columns; but, as now inquiries concerning that so very common disease are received almost every week, I will answer them once more.

Spavin is a chronic disease, which has its principal seat in the small bones of the hock-joint; it is one of the most frequent causes of lameness in the hind legs.

ITS CAUSES,

like those of many other diseases, are twofold; that is, have to be divided into predisposing and exciting causes. While the latter consists in severe muscular exertions, straining and overbending the hock-joint, the former have to be found in a bad formation of the joint itself. Spavin, generally, is considered to be a hereditary disease, and that undoubtedly it is, in so far, at least, as a defective formation—that is, bad mechanical proportions—of the hock-joint, as well as of any other part of the body, is apt to be transmitted by sire and dam to their offspring. Some persons seem to be inclined to suppose that spavin is a disease which is caused to be hereditary by some peculiar specifiness of its nature; but that cannot be proved. It can be proved, however, that the united influence of both predisposing and existing causes, though, it may be, in different degrees, is necessary to produce spavin. Where, for instance, the formation of the hock-joints is a very bad one, but especially where the bones, besides having weak hock-joints is also bow-legged, so that the weight of the body is not equally distributed upon the different bones of the hock, but falls principally upon the small bones of the inside of the joint, only very slight exciting causes are required. On the other hand, where the exciting causes are very severe, spavin, it cannot be denied, may be produced also in a hock-joint which, under ordinary circumstances, might have proved to be sufficiently strong. Hence, we may find now and then a horse with miserably poor hock-joints, that is yet free from spavin; but such an animal is either very young, or, at least, never has seen any work. We may also, though not frequently, find spavin in a horse with tolerably good hock-joints; but, in such a case, either extraordinary exertions,—great violence,—have taken place, or the horse has been subjected to long-continued hard labor. Therefore, as the hereditary properties of spavin have to be considered as consisting in the transmitted bad mechanical proportions of the hock-joints, it may sometimes happen that a sire, with good mechanical proportions and poor hock-joints, although yet free from spavin itself, produces, though not spavined offspring, by transmitting to them the bad proportions in the hock-joints to its descendants; while the offspring of another animal that has spavin, but has tolerably good hock-joints, may prove sound for any length of time. I think, explain sufficiently the observation, that a colt of a spavined sire or of a spavined dam sometimes remains free itself, but transmits the disease, rather, the predisposition to its own offspring; and, therefore, also the old hypothesis rather untenable, that the hereditary properties of spavin are able to remain latent during the whole life of an animal.

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PREVENTION.

The best prevention, of course, consists in exceeding strictly not only those horses and mares from breeding that have spavin, but also all those that have weak joints, are bow-legged, or show bad mechanical proportions of the hock-joints. As long as the cause of spavin will cease to be frequent. If we have a horse with hock-joints inclined to spavin, or a horse that is naturally a little bow-legged, but is free from spavin, we can frequently prevent that disease if we lower occasionally the inside heel and the whole inside of the hoof from the heel to the toe by judiciously paring so as to take away the most of the weight from the inside of the hock and throw it upon the centre of the joint, or further toward its outside. As far as the exciting causes are concerned, causing spavin, they will be considerably decrease in frequency if Young America had less tendency to gallop young horses under the saddle.

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in a given case? A rational treatment required: First, to give absolute rest for the diseased joint, respecting the diseased joint, till a coalescence has been effected; secondly, to produce a certain degree of inflammation in the diseased bones, just enough to cause such exudation as is necessary to effect a union, but not so much as to lead to further destruction. Such a limited degree of inflammation can be produced and supported by different means,—for instance, by firing; by blistering, or by setons. Firing is frequently very effective; there is, however, one objection to it,—that is, it produces and leaves behind rather ugly scars, which, unnecessary and should be avoided. Blistering also is usually attended with good results, and may be preferred, provided the

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Report from Grand Lodge Committee on Finance and Mileage, were taken up and acted upon.

The Grand State of the Order submitted an amended report, which was taken up and adopted. The report contained practical suggestions, pointing out evils and abuses in their Order, and commended the proper remedies.

P. C. White offered a communication, asking for the decision of the G. L. The G. C. gave a decision in substance that no one of all the lodge during sessions without being in possession of S. A. P. W., which decision was acquiesced in by the G. L.

After the transaction of other business, having reference to the good of the Order, the G. L. adjourned.

A resolution was offered and accepted, fixing the time of election of officers to be first order of business, conferring the P. C. degree at the afternoon session.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock p. m. the Grand Lodge assembled in the same Hall, and was called to order by the Grand Chancellor.

Roll of Lodges were called, and a quorum was found to be present.

The degree of Past Chancellor was conferred on the following Knights: C. Bowen, Res. (?) Baldwin, J. Dixon, Charles Stadt, and W. Bowden.

The election of grand officers was next proceeded with. Past Chancellors McClure and Dixon were appointed tellers. A vote being taken, D. C. Cregier, Grand Chancellor, and Thomas Rea, for V. G. C.; J. Sprague was elected for G. R. and S.; H. C. Berry was chosen for Grand Banker; William Dunlap, for Grand Herald. Past Chancellor, explain sufficiently the observation, that a colt of a spavined sire or of a spavined dam sometimes remains free itself, but transmits the disease, or rather, the predisposition to its own offspring; and, therefore, also the old hypothesis rather untenable, that the hereditary properties of spavin are able to remain latent during the whole life of an animal.

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Telegraphic Brevities.

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Cincinnati Market.

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WHISKEY—Steady, at 88c.

GREEN MEATS—4¼@6½c; hams, 8@8½c.

Buffalo Live Stock Market.

BUFFALO, Jan. 16.—Supply of cattle, 293 cars against 119 cars last week. Market opened fairly active, and prices 25@c lower. Average quality good. Sales of 300 Ohio steers, 1,040 to 1,345 lbs, $4.25@6.75; 38 Kentucky, 1,051 lbs, $5.00; 370 Illinois, 1,026 to 1,055 lbs, $5.25@6.87½; 18 Indiana, 1,160 lbs, $5.36.

Hogs—Supply, 18,100; market dull and drooping; sales at $4.30@4.45 for medium to good.

Kansas City Hog Market.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

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CITY REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—HOUSE AND LOT WITH 10 ROOMS on South Side, near Thirty-first-st.; price, $4,500. This is a new house. THOS. J. & M. HILL, 161 Washington-st.

FOR SALE—20 OR 80X125 FEET ON WASHINGTON-st., 25 feet west of Union Park. SNYDER & LEE, 14 Nixon Building, northeast corner Monroe and LaSalle-sts.

FOR SALE—18X144 FEET SOUTHEAST COR. of Michigan-av. and Thirty-sixth-st.; very easy terms. SNYDER & LEE, 14 Nixon Building, northeast corner Monroe and LaSalle.

FOR SALE—I WANT AN OFFER ON 80X170 ON Wabash-av., between Monroe and Adams, west front; also 22x150 on South Water, near Clark; 20x130, Prairie-av., $3,000 cash; 22x100 Stable, Fourth-st., $7,000; house and lot on Fulton-st., $4,000. JAMES H. HILL, 87 State-st.

FOR SALE—LOT 72X160 ON MADISON-ST., WEST of LaSalle; 2-story frame dwelling on Warren-st.; house and lot on Michigan-av., at a bargain; house and lot on Washington-st., near Clinton. A. J. L. PIERCE, 274 Walnut-st.

FOR SALE—A LOT ON SEBOR-ST., NEAR CLINton-st. cars; a 5-room new cottage on rear of lot; price, $1,600; this day only cheap. R. KENNEDY & CO., 132 West Madison-st.

FOR SALE—25 FEET FRONT ON MONROE-ST. between Clark and LaSalle-sts., with cellar and foundation, and several all made; enough materials on the ground for two-thirds of a business house; $10,000; $4,000 in payments. MILLER & RIGDON, 207 West Madison-st.

FOR SALE—ON VAN BUREN-ST., SOUTH front, 264 feet, 160 feet west of State-st.; in ten parcels to suit purchasers; a rare opportunity. MILLER & RIGDON, 207 West Madison-st.

FOR SALE—LAKE-AV.—NEW, NEAT FRAME house of 8 rooms, with bath, closets, cellar, etc., on 44 feet front on Lake-av., near Thirty-fifth-st.; immediate possession. SNYDER & LEE, No. 14 Nixon's Building, northeast corner of Monroe and LaSalle-sts.

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FOR SALE—AND 20M PARK-AV.—A brick building, 10 rooms each, modern improvements; lot 62x125, good stabling. KERR, DAVISON & WETHERILL, 43 and 45 LaSalle.

FOR SALE—$12,500 FOR MARBLE-FRONT RESidence, fronting the Lake, on Indiana-av., near Thirteenth-st. $2,000 due 1 years at 8 per cent. PAYNE & SON, 167 Wabash-av.

FOR SALE—A FOUR-STORY MARBLE-FRONT house and lot. House cost over $9,000. Price, $8,500. This is a decided bargain, as it is fast growing worth and will sell for $12,500 in the spring. J. S. SCOVEL, 137 Wabash-av.

FOR SALE—ON MONTHLY PAYMENTS, COTtage on Monroe-st., near Ashland-av., on south side, west of Park. R. L. PEASE, 114 West Madison-st.

FOR SALE—INDIANA-AV., NEW 2-STORY stone front dwelling house, 5 rooms; also 1 lot, on Indiana-av., $1,000 cash; 1 lot, on Prairie-av., $1,500 cash, $1,000 in 1 year, balance in 4 years. ASSOCIATE REAL ESTATE AGENCY, 84 LaSalle, Real Estate Agents, No. 14 Nixon's Buildings, northeast corner Monroe and La Salle-sts.

FOR SALE—WEST JACKSON-ST., NEARLY new, 2-story frame house of 8 rooms, with bath fitment, and lot 42x180, No. 603 West Jackson-st., near Halsted. ASSOCIATE REAL ESTATE AGENCY, Real Estate Agents, No. 14 Nixon's Buildings, northeast corner of Monroe and La Salle-sts.

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